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PILOTS FOR YOUR BOAT.

BY JOHN K. HOLMES.

There is a time when pensive thought
Goes down the vale where sorrow lies,
When strains are by the memory brought
That have a tone like Autumn sighs.
Ah, could the spirit then but sleep,
The sleep of pure, unearthly faith,
It were a blessed thing to lie,
Rocked by a love so fond and high,
And dream of something after death.

But ah, how at a time like this,
When the great over soul is nigh,
Would some intruder—all amiss,
Let his promiscuous logic fly!
He has, in one day out of seven,
Found all about the road to Heaven
Knows every station by the way,
Has so ill—the color—all the play
Of every wind—so much in deed,
That, if you do but give him heed
He will direct you how to go,
But—money—somehow—so and so:
In learning it is much the same:
The low empiric is about:
The pedant also—with his game,
And dagger sticking half way out.
The Zany with his drawling tone,
The lazy dog that loves his bope—
The narrow mind, that sees no more
Than the few sands upon its shore:
The empty, vain, presumptuous fool
That draws no line without his rule,
That is so taught to snarl and bite
That he has what ?—a dog's delight:

Oh blessed world! Oh world so which
There are so many hugely rich!
Rich in conceit—in various patterns
To suit the tastes of different slatterns.

Pittsburgh, Pa., 1873.

THE HOUSEKEEPER'S LULLABY.

Sleep, my own darling,
Bye, baby, bye;
Mother is with thee,
Bye, baby, bye.
There, baby. (Oh, how the wild winds wail!)
Hush, baby. (Turning to sleet and hail,
Ah, how the pine tree moans and mutters!—
I wonder if Ellen will think of the shutters.)

Sleep, my own darling,
Bye, baby, bye;
Mother is with thee,
Bye, baby, bye.
Rest thee. (She couldn't have left on the blower
Down in the parlor! There's so much to show
her!)
Bye-bye, my sweetness. (Now the rain's pouring!
Is it wind or the dining-room fire that's roaring?)

Sleep, my own darling,
Bye, baby, bye;
Mother is with thee,
Bye, baby, bye.
How lovely his forehead!—my own blessed pet!—
He's nearly asleep. (Now I must n't forget
That pork in the brine, and the stair-rods to-
morrow.)
God shield him forever from trouble and sorrow

Sleep, my own darling,
Bye, baby, bye;
Mother is with thee,
Bye, baby, bye.
Those dear little ringlets, so silky and bright!
(I do hope the muffins will rise nice and light.)
How lovely he is! (Yes, she said she would try.)
Oh, what would I do if my baby should die?

Sleep, my own darling,
Bye, baby, bye;
Mother is with thee,
Bye, baby, bye.
Dear Father in heaven, oh, spare him, I pray—
My own precious baby! (Its clearing away!
The moon's coming out; and there's no wind at
all.)

Sleep, my own darling,
Bye, baby, bye;
Mother is with thee,
Bye, baby, bye.
That sweet little hand, and the soft, dimpled
cheek!
Sleep, darling. I'll have his clothes shortened
this week.
How tightly he's holding my dress! I'm afraid
He'll rip them when I move. There! his bed isn't
made.)

Sleep, my own darling,
Bye, baby, bye;
Mother is with thee,
Bye, baby, bye.
(No matter; the sofa will do for a minute;
The arm-chair'd be better, if puss wasn't in it.
He's off now—the blessed! How fancy it seems
That an innocent baby should scowl in its
dreams!)

Sleep, my own darling,
Bye, baby, bye,
Mother will lay thee
Snug in the chair.
He's settled at last. But I can't leave him so.
Though I ought to be going this instant I know.
There's everything standing and waiting down
stairs
Ah me, but a mother is cumbered cares!)

STATE NEWS.

ABOUT thirty wells are being drilled in and around Greece City, Butler county.

THE Greenville, Mercer county, Agricultural Society have a balance of $553 in their treasury.

MRS. ERIG, the oldest lady in Elk county, and probably in the State, died at St. Marys, a few days since, at the advanced age of 109 years.

THE Ebensburg *Herald* says: E. J. Waters, Esq., has served in this place in the capacity of a justice of the peace since 1826, excepting one term.

A. J. COFFMAN, an old and much esteemed citizen of Port Marion, Fayette county, died a few days ago, after a severe illness of many weeks.

THE managers of the Agricultural Society of Greensburg have purchased four or five acres—the property of Wm. Hoitzer—adjoining their new grounds east of the town, for $3,000.

THE people of Bradford county, this State, voted, on Friday, the 17th inst., on the question of license, and decided, by a majority of from three to four thousand, against the granting of licenses for the next three years.

A YOUNG man named Miller, 18 years old, shot himself through the head near Mill Creek, Huntingdon county, on Friday last, and died instantly. He had been unwell, and was no doubt out of his mind when he committed the rash act.

SOME ten or twelve years ago the people of Catharine township, Blair county, banished the sale of intoxicating liquors from their midst, since which time they have not had a Commonwealth case in court or required the services of a constable.

A CHANDELIER fell in the Lutheran church at Jennersville, Somerset county, on Sunday night last, and although the flames were speedily extinguished, a young lady named Deitz, and a little child, name not given, were so badly burned that they will probably die.

THE Beaver county people who are opposed to the granting of license to sell intoxicating liquors, are taking active steps to secure a large vote in favor of prohibition at the ensuing spring election. There is little doubt that that county, as well as our own, will give an overwhelming majority against license.

THE notorious Jack Jones made his escape from the Butler jail on Sunday night last. It appears the gas fitters were at work in the jail during the previous day and left a pair of step ladders behind them, which Jack used to his advantage in getting to the roof, from which place he reached terra firma by means of a blanket rope.

ONE hundred and sixty deer were shipped from Kane station, M'Kean county, during the past season. This beats Tionesta about ten heads. It strikes us forcibly, that our noble game should for at least ten years in the future be protected, as at the rate deer have been slaughtered during the past several seasons, but little hope can be entertained against the idea of their total annihilation. It seems singular, though true, that within the limits of this city, the forests now abound in such royal game. But the practical hunters are rapidly reducing the number of bucks and does.

DANIEL KECK, of West Salem, Mercer county, the last of eleven brothers, died on Sabbath last, aged nearly 88 years. The deceased was born in Westmoreland county, but in the year 1798 moved to this neighborhood, where he has resided ever since. He was one of the few remaining soldiers of the war of 1812, in the neighborhood, having served in Capt. Mann's company, Col. Christ's regiment. Until recently he was vigorous, physically and mentally, having been in town within the past two months. He was a quiet, good citizen, and for many years an exemplary Christain.

JOHN R. MCKENZIE, a citizen of Borough Township, Beaver county, while engaged in one of the Vanport lime quarries, recently, blasting lime-rock, after placing the blast in the rock and adjusting it he put fire to the fuse, and sought a place of safety several rods distant; but after waiting a reasonable time for the explosion, he concluded the fuse would not burn, and that he would go back to the quarry to see what was wrong. Just while he was leaning over the charge it exploded, breaking his right arm in several places, and cutting and bruising his head very severely. He was found some time afterwards bleeding freely and in an insensible condition, and was taken to his residence and seemed to be recovering until within a few days since when he was attacked with "tetanus," and is now very low and his recovery is doubtful.

Farm, Garden and Household.

"WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT FARMING."

Hints for February.

This is the last month of winter. Spring will soon be here, and it is well to think about and prepare for its labors. We do not mean by this that our winter's *work* will soon be ended. We, at the North, at at least, shall be obliged to feed our stock for at least three months longer. There will also be many days and weeks in which nothing can be done except what we call winter's work. It is nevertheless true that spring is approaching. The fact is that the seasons run into or overlap each other, and if we are wise we shall be fully prepared at any time to do spring work in winter and winter work in spring. We know not when one ends and the other commences. It is this uncertainty in regard to the season that forms one of the marked peculiarities of farm work.

LIVE STOCK.—Much of the success of a farmer depends on the proper and economical management of his live stock. We should never forget that it *is* live stock. We can paint an implement and stow it away until required, but our animals must have food to eat every day. They must have food enough to keep them warm and sustain the vital functions. If you do not give them enough they must live on their own fat and flesh.

Horses.—With us, timothy hay sells for as much per ton as we can buy corn-meal for. In such circumstances, where a farmer has plenty of good bright oat or wheat straw, it is poor economy to feed timothy hay to farm horses. Cut up the straw into chaff. A bushel of it will weigh about eight pounds. If the horses are not working, mix two quarts of corn-meal with a bushel of the chaff, and let them have all that they will eat. If they leave any, remove it from the mangers and give it to the cows. If the horses are at moderate work, two or three days a week, mix three quarts of meal with the bushel of chaff, or four quarts if the horses are at moderate work nearly every day. If you have conveniences, it is a great advantage to wet the chaff with boiling water; cover with a blanket and let it stand for a few hours. Try this plan.

Cows.—We are feeding our own cows chaffed corn-stalks and straw, with a quart of corn-meal to a bushel of chaff. Those that are giving milk get in addition a pint of corn-meal and a quart of bran, stirred into a pailful of water twice a day. Keep the stable clean, warm and well ventilated. All cows are better for being carded—those that are stalled especially need it. If the cows leave any of the cut stalks and straw, remove them from the manger and sprinkle a little salt water over them. The cows well then eat the most of them.

Young Stock should be fed liberally. They are growing, and cannot be kept healthy unless they have enough nutriment to provide for their natural growth. A bushel of chaffed straw or stalks, a bushel of chaffed clover hay, half a peck of fine bran, and a quart of corn-meal, mixed together, forms a cheap and excellent food. Let them have all they will eat of it. If they leave any, give it to the older cattle.

Working Oxen should be fed somewhat in proportion to their work. If possible, never feed grain or meal alone. It should be mixed with cut feed. This is far more important with oxen and cows than with horses. The horse has but one stomach, and that a small one, while the ox has four, and can eat and digest a much more bulky and less nutritious food than the horse. Grain fed alone is very apt to pass into the intestines undigested. Corn fed in the ear is better for oxen than shelled corn.

Sheep.—Fattening sheep should be pushed forward rapidly. With us the rule is, for three or four-year-old Merino wethers, one pound of corn each per day, and all the bright wheat-straw they will eat, until about the first of February. Then either give a little clover hay in addition to the straw, or else increase the corn to 1½ pound per day, or, for the last few weeks, we have known 1½ pound fed without any injury.

Swine.—Let pigs of all ages have access to a mixture of ashes, salt, and sulphur. Keep the pens and troughs clean. Let them have a dry, warm and well ventilated place to sleep in. Do not put too many in a pen. Keep the younger and weaker separate from the older and stronger. Feed according to what the pigs are designed for.—*Agriculturist.*

Maxims for Horticulturists.

The following pa ragraphs are worthy of careful preservation among the most valued rules that should govern a well regulated farm:

1. When fruit trees occupy the ground nothing else should—except very short grass.

2. Fruitfulness and growth of the tree cannot be expected the same year.

3. There is no plum that the curculio will not take, though any kind may sometimes escape for one year in one place.

4. Pear blight still puzzles the greatest men. The best remedy known is to plant two for every one that dies.

5. If you dont know how to prune, don't hire a man from the other side of the sea, who knows less than you do.

6. Don't cut off a big lower limb unless you can a nearer and don't care what becomes of the tree when your time is out.

7. A tree with the limbs coming out near the ground is worth two trees trimmed up five feet or four trees trimmed up ten feet, and so on until they are not worth anything.

8. Trim down, not up.

9. Shorten in, not lengthen up.

10. If you had your arm cut off, you would feel it at your heart—a tree will not feel, but rot to the heart.

11. When anybody tells you of a gardener that understands all about horticulture and agriculture, and that can be hired, don't believe a word of it, for there are none such to be hired. Such a man can make more than you can afford to give him, and if he has sense enough to understand the business, he will also have sense enough to know this.

What to Do in Case of Accident.

Prof. Wilder, of Cornell University, gives the following short rules for action in cases of accident, which it will be found useful to preserve or remember:

For dust in the eyes, avoid rubbing; dash water into them; remove cinders, etc., with the round point of a lead pencil.

Remove water from the ear by tepid water; never put a hard instrument into the ear.

If any artery is cut, compress above the wound; if a vein is cut, compress below.

If choked, get upon all fours and cough. For slight burns, dip the part in cold water; if the skin is destroyed, cover with varnish.

Smother a fire with carpets, &c.; water will often spread burning oil, and increase danger. Before pushing through smoke, take a full breath and then stoop low; but if carbonic gas is suspected, walk erect.

Suck poisoned wounds, unless your mouth is sore; enlarge the wound, or better, cut out the part without delay; hold the wounded part as long as can be borne to a hot coal or and of a cigar.

In case of poisoning, excite vomiting by tickling the throat or by warm water and mustard.

For acid poisons, give alkalis; for alkaline poisons give acids; white of an egg is good in most cases; in a case of opium poisoning give strong coffee and keep moving.

If in water, float on the back, with the nose and mouth projecting.

For apoplexy, raise the head and body; for fainting, lay the person flat.

Take Care of the Calves.

Much of the future growth, and in fact much of the profits of the farmer arising from his stock, depends upon the care which it receives during the first year. I do not wish to be understood by this that if a farmer takes good care of his stock the first year, he can afterward let them run, hap-hazard; every good farmer will see that his stock is at all times well cared for. But the first year is the foundation; it is the starting point of their future growth. There are many farmers who are in the habit of giving their calves nothing but whey, from the time they are about three weeks old until they are weaned. They are then left to run and pick their own living as best they may until winter, when they are taken to the barn and put into some little back hovel, with nothing but hay, till spring; or, as I have often seen, turned into a stack. In either case, they are, when spring comes, so stunted and poor that they make but a slow growth ever afterward. Consequently, when selling time comes, the farmer finds his stock far behind in size and price, of his neighbors who cared well for his calves. One instance of this came within my knowledge. Some steers raised as above sold for $15, while those of a neighbor, which had been well cared for while young, sold readily at $35. The quality of the stock of the former was fully equal to the latter, to start with.—*Ohio Farmer.*

How to Wash Easily.

"Aunt Sally" writes to *Moore's Rural New Yorker:* Sal-soda is as much of a help in washing as I ever tried. The clothes should be soaked and then rubbed lightly, then put over to boil in water, in which sal-soda has been dissolved, in the proportion of a piece as large as a hen's egg to a boiler of water. Boil in this, remove the clothes to the tub, wring out of this water and then scald, then again in the boiler to remove the soda that it may not eat the clothes; then rinse as usual. This process, well done, makes clothes beautifully white; but calicoes should not be washed in the suds, as it fades them. Most old housekeepers think that soap and water and a washboard are the only fit treatment of clothes; but there are one or two washing machines which are a great help. I always wash calico in clear water (not boiling suds); put in the garments one at a time as I wash them, and as soon as they are wrung out put them in a vessel of hard water, to stand until I am ready to rinse and starch them. Treated in this way the colors will remain nearly as bright as new until the cloth is worn out.

Sausage-Making and Keeping.

To make family sausage, the trimmings and other lean and fat portions of pork are used, taking care that there is about twice as much lean as fat; some consider it an improvement to add about one-sixth of the weight of lean beef. As to seasoning, that is a matter of taste. The majority of people use salt, pepper and sage only; some use only salt and pepper, while others, in addition to the above, put in thyme, mace, cloves and other spices. There is something repulsive about the intestines or "skins" used for stuffing sausages, and the majority preserve the meat in bulk. In cold weather it will keep for a long time, but if it is desired to preserve it beyond cold weather it needs some case. We have found that muslin bags, made of a size to hold a roll 2½ or 3 inches diameter, keep the meat very satisfactorily. These bags, when filled with sausage-meat, are dipped into melted lard, and hung up in a dry, cool place. For seasoning we use to 100 lbs. of meat 40 oz. salt, and from 8 to 10 oz. each pepper and sage.—*Agriculturist.*

Roots and Coarse Wooled Sheep.

It is said that wool from Leicester sheep that have been in the United States two years is generally harsher, leaner, and worth much less than it would have been if the sheep had staid in Canada or England. Now, this will not always be so, for growers will yet learn that these large sheep need more to eat than the small Merino, and their food should not consist of Indian corn, but they should have some roots, mangel wurtzel and oil cake. When sheep are fed on corn they are too hot and feverish, and the wool becomes harsh and brittle, while a proper supply of roots and oil cake with other food would produce soft, sound and elastic wool.—*Rural New Yorker.*

The Wire Worm.

A writer in the *Western Rural* says: Having seen a request by Mr. Wisely, of Ohio, for a remedy for wire worms, I will give you a plan that I have practiced for the last eight years. I take good sound seed, put it in a tub or some other convenient vessel, take one and one-half pounds of saltpeter per bushel, dissolve it and pour it over the corn; let it soak until the corn is swelled ready to sprout, and then plant. The worms will not trouble it. Try it and report.

Useful Recipes.

Buckwheat Cakes.—Sift together one quart of buckwheat flour and a teacupful corn-meal. In cool weather make up a moderately thin batter with lukewarm sweet milk; salt to taste. In warm weather it is best to use water; the milk would sour. Add half a tumblerful of good, lively yeast (hop yeast is the best for buckwheat); make it up in a jar, covering closely, at nine o'clock at night. The next morning beat in three eggs; let it set fifteen or twenty minutes, just before frying stir in a teaspoonful of soda, first sprinkling it over the batter. Soda is unnecessary if the batter is perfectly sweet. Eggs are not essential, but are an improvement. A mixture of four parts of buckwheat, two of Graham and one of Indian, makes a more healthy cake, and more spongy.

Choc-Choe.—Take a quarter of a peck of green tomatoes and the same quantity each of pickling beans and white onions, one dozen each of cucumbers and green peppers, one head of cabbage. Season to the taste with mustard, celery seed and salt. Pour over these the best cider-vinegar, sufficient to cover. Boil slowly for two hours, continually stirring, and add while hot two tablespoonfuls of the finest salad oil.

Indian Griddle Cakes.—Three handfuls of Indian meal (yellow and white mixed), one teaspoon level full of soda, one tablespoonful of salt, four of sugar; pour on boiling water, stirring briskly to the thickness of stiff mush; pour on milk till it is as thick as gruel, then add sifted flour to the consistence of griddle-cakes, thick or thin as preferred. They can be varied by the addition of one or two eggs beaten and added last.

Hominy Cakes.—One pint of boiled hominy well mashed, one half pint of sifted flour, one egg, one table-spoonful of melted lard or butter, sweet milk enough to make a batter like that for griddle cakes, salt, one teaspoonful of soda sifted with the flour and two of cream of tartar. Drop the batter small on the griddle.

Cure for a Cold.—A hot lemonade is one of the best remedies for a cold. It acts promptly and efficiently, and has no unpleasant after effects. One lemon should be properly squeezed, cut in slices, put with sugar, and covered with half a pint of boiling water. Drink while hot before going to bed, and do not expose yourself the following day. This remedy will ward off an attack of chills and fever, if used promptly.

"Confidential and Strictly Private."

God made the country and man made the town, but unfortunately the trail of the serpent is more often seen in green fields than on brick pavements, and the simple-minded villager is very apt to attempt to benefit himself by the sinful astuteness of the city folk. Another of these strictly confidential circulars which at regular periods find their way from this city of counterfeiters to some loveliest village of the plain has come to our hands. It begins with a fearful threat in case of betrayal of confidence worthy of a medieval melodrama. If the recipient is "so treacherous as to breathe the contents of this document to a living being," its author "will find means to be avenged in a way perhaps you [the recipient] would not dream of." The document then becomes metamorphosed into a temperance tract, and exhorts the recipient to "always abstain from the use of strong drink," for fear that when *in vino* the *veritas* will be discovered. After this blood thirsty and morally preambling, the town-bred villain tells his credulous country correspondent that he (the town-bred villain) is the most expert engraver in America; that for ten years he was employed by the Government in engraving greenbacks, and that now, as everything that Midas touched became gold, so that all the paper he could lay hands on became "redeemable at the United States Treasury at Washington." The upshot of all this was that the holder of the modernized philosopher's stone would supply his protege with the proceeds of the mineral at the rate of 10 per cent. on the money sent, which would be forwarded C. O. D. by express. Of course, the unhappy rustic who throws away a genuine sprat to catch a spurious whale never catches as much as a glimpse of the latter, and as he has been striving to perpetrate an illegality finds that the law will not avenge him.

Seeing a Live Heart Beat.

One of the curious things in the phenomena of animal life is a sight of the first rudimentary stages in the development of a fish. Mr. Daniel Potter exhibited in the *Times* office yesterday, a little trout. It was only four days old, but it could swim and dart about in a lively way in the jar of water in which it had been placed. When we saw it, however, it was only opening its mouth, and partly closing it again, in the regular act of breathing. It was but a trifle more than half an inch long; a tiny, colorless, semi-transparent object, whose little head was mostly occupied by two disproportionately big eyes. These, which seem to be the egg-germ of life in the fish, do not grow much larger. So transparent was the little creature that the pulsations of its heart could be plainly seen. Its belly had not yet been formed—the lower part of the baby fish, consisting of the large, protuberant, watery sac which is to be gradually absorbed and transformed in the wondrous process of natural development, into the full-formed, symmetrical and perfect fish.—*Hartford Times.*

THE CAPITAL.

Exposures of the Credit Mobilier Swindle.

PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENT.

The Proposed Improvement of the Ohio River.

THAT "SPEC OF WAR" DISPELLED.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, February 1, 1873.

CREDIT MOBILIER INVESTIGATION.

At the sitting of the Wilson Committee this morning Webster Snyder, formerly General Superintendent of the Union Pacific Railroad, testified that he did not know of any Government Directors or Commissioners who were paid anything besides their mileage and expenses for services except Cornelius Wendell; Wendell wanted twenty-five thousand dollars, and he was paid the same for going to Bryan, Wyoming, in 1868, Wendell, however, did not pay much attention to the road when there.

Wendell did not say he would make a favorable report. Some sixty or eighty miles of road were examined at that time. Witness paid the money on his own responsibility. In conversation with Dr. Durant, then Vice President, that gentleman declined to authorize the payment, a peculiar exigency, however, required the payment. Oliver Ames, President of the road, wrote to witness, saying he did wrong in making the payment. Witness knew not why he was removed; it was never intimated that he was removed for paying Wendell; the money was charged to the account of contingencies of construction; gave security for the payment of money, also on his own account. Wendell gave no reason for demanding the money; he wanted it as "blood." Witness felt justified in paying the money owing to the peculiar exigencies at that time, he being eight or nine hundred miles west of the Missouri river; he looked upon Wendell as an exacting "shark-mailer;" the road was first class; then P. H. Blair and General Buford, the other two commissioners, showed no reluctance to discharge their duty; the Board of Directors of the Company fully acquiesced in the payment.

Charles C. Vanzandt, Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives, testified that he had no definite knowledge of the payment of money to secure legislation on the subject of the Union Pacific Railroad; in the suits by Poland, J. Hazard and others, in Rhode Island courts, against Durant, to recover certain moneys, witness was Durant's lawyer, and was also retained by the Union Pacific Company and Credit Mobilier; it was then conceded by the opposing parties that Durant's accounts were settled; the suits were still pending; it was charged that Durant spent the money of the suspense account for the Union Pacific, and never properly accounted for it; it was also alleged he spent the money for corrupt purposes.

John Duff testified: In March, 1871, was appointed on the Committee of the company to expend the amount of $126,000, for special legal expenses, but declined to serve, because he knew nothing about them; came to Washington at the instance of Oliver Ames, President of the Company, at the time of Secretary Boutwell's action, respecting the withholding of certain moneys from the Union Pacific Railroad; met in Washington Rollins, General Dodge, Bushnell, Tom Scott and others, who said the legislation on the subject would be unfavorably affected from the Union Pacific in Washington, and paid his own board bills while there. Witness could give no information as to the objects for which the sums in the suspense account were paid out; had no knowledge of Credit Mobilier; being employed here on the 3d March, 1873, he asked the Committee to call for these records to contradict the testimony of Brooks that he did not qualify as director until March 23d, 1868; witness kept personal account of bonds expenditure of money for any purpose in Washington; was on the committee to examine Durant's account for some four or five thousand dollars' expenses; upon reporting to Alley that Durant's accounts were all right, Alley required if they were right they must not let the people know it, as Durant must not be relieved from the odium cast upon him by these accounts.

By Alley.—Witness did swear in Philadelphia that Alley refused to sign the report because his reason that Durant was a dishonest man; repeated that testimony now; Alley was the third man of the committee, and refused to sign.

Hon. W. B. Allison, of Iowa, was recalled, and examined by Hon. Job Stevenson. Witness had been a stockholder in the Iowa Falls & Sioux City Railroad, but had sold his stock some time ago; Hooper, Ames, Speaker Blaine and others were stockholders in the road; it was chartered by Iowa, not by Congress.

Alley desired to reply to McComb.

Mr. Poland notified him that any reply must be short, as this was not the place to settle difficulties between McComb and Alley.

Alley then denied that he had made any statement to McComb in regard to Durant, he stated also that his interest in the Union Pacific Railroad at the time of Oakes Ames' contract was $1,100 shares, and his interest in the Credit Mobilier 290 shares.

C. H. Crane was recalled. He testified as to being notified by McComb, while Dr. Durant was in Europe, that Oliver Ames had better keep clear before the committee until Ames shall return.

The committee went into secret session, and after three hours thereto, adjourned to Tuesday at ten A. M.

At the sitting of Poland's committee to-day, McComb was recalled. He said since his former testimony he found additional papers relating to the investigation. A number of letters between Ames and witness were produced, but only one was put in evidence as relevant; this was dated December 17th, 1868, and was from General E. M. Dodge, then representative, to witness; it contained a postscript saying, "We beat the rate resolution to-day—61 to 59—a close vote." Witness received another letter from Ames in February, 1868, which he could not find; in it was the remark "Did not the stock [referring to Credit Mobilier pay?" Supposed Ames referred to some ruling by Colfax as Speaker; could not remember the exact language of the letter or what was the ruling referred to. Witness said Durant's copy of the record of the committee of the Union Pacific Railroad showed that Brooks acted as a member of that committee on January 22d, 1868, two days before the big dividend was declared and the inspector elected. Brooks, in 1868, he asked the committee to call for these records to contradict the testimony of Brooks that he did not qualify as director until March 23d, 1868; witness kept personal account of bonds expenditure of money for any purpose in Washington; was on the committee to examine Durant's account for some four or five thousand dollars' expenses; upon reporting to Alley that Durant's accounts were all right, Alley required if they were right they must not let the people know it, as Durant must not be relieved from the odium cast upon him by these accounts.

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Alley then denied that he had made any statement to McComb in regard to Durant, he stated also that his interest in the Union Pacific Railroad at the time of Oakes Ames' contract was $1,100 shares, and his interest in the Credit Mobilier 290 shares.

C. H. Crane was recalled. He testified as to being notified by McComb, while Dr. Durant was in Europe, that Oliver Ames had better keep clear before the committee until Ames shall return.

The committee went into secret session, and after three hours thereto, adjourned to Tuesday at ten A. M.

At the sitting of Poland's committee to-day, McComb was recalled. He said since his former testimony he found additional papers relating to the investigation. A number of letters between Ames and witness were produced, but only one was put in evidence as relevant; this was dated December 17th, 1868, and was from General E. M. Dodge, then representative, to witness; it contained a postscript saying, "We beat the rate resolution to-day—61 to 59—a close vote." Witness received another letter from Ames in February, 1868, which he could not find; in it was the remark "Did not the stock [referring to Credit Mobilier]

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A New Issue of Bonds Proposed to an Unlimited Amount.

PHILADELPHIA AFTER HALF A MILLION DOLLARS MORE.

Her Total Demands to Date a Million and Three Quarters.

AN IMPORTANT BILL TO THE LUMBER DEALERS OF PITTSBURGH.

A Mass of Local Legislation for Allegheny County.

THE OFFICE OF COUNTY SURVEYOR AND CIVIL ENGINEER TO BE CREATED.

Redemption of Property Held at Sheriff's Sale for less than its Appraised Value.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.
HARRISBURG, February 4, 1873.

THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY'S LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company developed its legislative programme for this year by presenting to the House to-night the most extraordinary bill ever presented to the Legislature of this State. It is entitled "A bill authorizing an increase of the capital stock, the issue of bonds, and the securing of the same by mortgage." The first section authorizes the stockholders, by resolution, to increase the capital stock of the company to an unlimited amount, and to apportion and dispose of the shares in such manner, and upon such terms as the Board of Directors deem proper. It also authorizes the company to issue bonds in such amount, and payable at such time as they may appoint, said bonds to be secured by one or more mortgages on the whole or any portion of the railroad estate, real and personal, and corporate rights and deeds, franchises acquired and to be acquired by said company. The only limitation is that the bonds shall not be issued in excess of the capital stock of the company at the time of such issue, upon which issue of the capital stock there is no limitation whatever. The second section provides that the mortgages authorized by the act shall be recorded in Philadelphia, and shall be a lien on all the property of the company without further record.

The rumor current here this evening is that the unlimited increase in the capital stock and issue of bonds is to cover contingencies connected with the construction of the Southern Pacific Railroad.

PHILADELPHIA STILL CRIES FOR MORE.

Another delegation of Philadelphians came down here this morning, and appeared before the Finance and Ways and Means Committees of the two Houses this afternoon, asking for half a million from the State Treasury, to build two ice boats to aid the two boats now operated by the city in keeping the navagation of the Delaware river open from Philadelphia to the capes during the winter months. The delegation is a strong one, representing the City Councils, the Board of Trade, the Port Wardens, and the Chamber of Commerce. They argued that the money, the coal, the iron, the agricultural and the petroleum interests of the State, are all interested in the free navigation of the Delaware in winter, and hence the appropriation is properly a State object. Philadelphia appropriates about $100,000 a year for this enterprise, in keeping up the two city ice boats. They want two more to accomodate the increasing business of the city, and this is allotted to the State at its share. Five hundred thousand dollars is the exact sum mentioned, and, good gentlemen of the Legislature, please hurry it up. There follows a grand burst of oratorical pyrotechnics from the Committee, all going to show what a great city Philadelphia, is and how thankful the "rural roosters" should be in being permitted to contribute their taxes to its greatness.

"Anything wanted by Philadelphia to-day," is the common way of referring to the raids that city has organized on the State Treasury. As far as heard from the demands are as follows:

Centennial Exposition	$1,600,000
Pennsylvania University	100,000
Jafferson Medical College	100,000
Ice Boats for Delaware	500,000
Grand total to date	$1,700,000

Of course, as the session progresses there will be further calls on the State for other objects. The metropolis of Pennsylvania seems to be much in the condition of a child that cannot walk alone. Its condition is very sad and pitiable. If the Philadelphians would stop the municipal stealing of which their papers and Reform Associations talk about so much, possibly they would have public money of their own to donate to local purposes, and not be compelled to fly to the State for aid on every occasion and on all sorts of pretexts.

OF IMPORTANCE TO THE LUMBER INTERESTS.

The Senate was engaged for a short time this morning in discussing a bill which, I judge, will greatly interest the lumber men of Pittsburgh and Allegheny. It is entitled "An act regulating the sale of lumber upon the Ohio river and its tributaries in this State," and was pressed by the Senators from the lumber regions. It provides that "from and after the passage of this act it shall be lawful for all persons having timber boards or other lumber upon the Ohio river or any of its tributaries in this State, to sell the same under *their own measurement*, or under measurements which may be made by any person or persons whom they, or they and their vendors under contract may select; any local law, usage or ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding: *provided*, that square timber shall be measured with the usual five inch hook, unless the parties shall otherwise contract."

Lumber men will appreciate the importance of this measure. It leaves the measuring of lumber entirely in the hands of the venders, any "local law, usage or ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding." This would destroy the functions of the board and lumber measurers in Pittsburgh. The Senators urging the bill argued that their constituents of the lumber region were oppressed by what appeared to be concert of action between the lumber measurers and city dealers, which operated to their disadvantage. This is a grave charge, and was urged as a reason for passing the bill. It will go through without much doubt, although Senator Graham delayed immediate action on it in order that the lumber trade in Pittsburgh might become possessed of the facts.

PRIVATE CALENDAR IN THE HOUSE.

The House of Representatives on reassembling this morning took up the calendar of private bills, numbering one hundred and ten charters, exemptions from taxation, and all other varieties of special and private legislation. The session was continued during the afternoon, and most of the bills disposed of. Among them were a few Allegheny county bills, of which a hurried synopsis is given below:

SUPPLEMENT TO THE FEE BILL.

This bill relieves the Register of the county from paying commissions on the collateral inheritance tax into the county treasury, and authorizes him to "have the same as emoluments and fees in addition to the salary now allowed to him by law." The commission is five per cent., and amounts to about five hundred dollars per annum. The bill passed.

A NUISANCE PROHIBITED.

A bill prohibiting the deposit of dead carcasses of horses, cattle and swine in the Allegheny, Monongahela, and Ohio rivers, or in any of the tributaries thereof, within the county of Allegheny, was also passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR AND CIVIL ENGINEER.

A bill introduced by Mr. Ramsey "relating to the office of surveyor and civil engineer for the county of Allegheny," provides that within thirty days after the passage of the act, the Common Pleas Judges of Allegheny county shall appoint a Surveyor and Civil Engineer for said county, who shall hold office until January, 1874; and in November, 1873, and at the same time every third year, thereafter the nine judges shall appoint a County Surveyor and Engineer as aforesaid, to hold office for three years. He is authorized to appoint a deputy, and must give bonds in $10,000 for the lawful performance of his duties and those of his deputy. The salary of the surveyor is fixed at $2,500, and of the deputy at $1,200. The duties of the officer are set forth in the annexed sections of the bill:

SEC. 5. The said county surveyor and engineer shall have general supervision and control of the planning, letting and building of all county structures, including county bridges, when ordered by the proper authority to be built, and the care and protection of the same against damage, decay or destruction after they are built; and shall either in person or by deputy act as artist in all road and bridge views and divisions of townships where the same may be ordered by the court, and shall without other fee than his regular salary perform either in the person or by deputy all surveying whatsoever in said county where the fees prior to the passage of this act were a charge upon the county treasury; and he shall within a reasonable time after his appointment and entering upon his office, and annually thereafter before the time fixed for making the annual appropriations for county purposes, prepare or caused to be prepared full and complete lists of all the county bridges, with their location, character, condition, estimates of amounts needed for repairs, if any required, and any suggestions pertinent thereto, one copy of which shall be filed in his own office and one copy filed in the office of the Commissioners of said county. He shall also, subject to the approval of the Controller and Commissioners of said county, adopt regular printed forms for receiving proposals for letting, and prepare printed or written plans and specifications for work ordered to be done.

SEC. 6. The said surveyor and engineer shall keep his office in a building or rooms to be furnished and supplied at the expense of said county, and all necessary printing and stationery for the same shall be furnished in like manner; in which office shall be kept all plans, plots, and papers pertaining to the public improvements of said county, excepting those plans, plots, and papers which now or may hereafter be provided by law to be recorded in the recorder's office for said county, or filed of record in the office of the clerk of court of quarter sessions in said county.

This bill was sent on by the County Controller with the approval of the County Commissioners. One object of the bill is to secure a competent architect, artist and engineer to have general supervision over all county buildings. The bill passed the House.

SALARIES OF CRIERS AND TIPSTAVES.

A bill was also passed making the salaries of the criers of the respective courts of Allegheny county $1,000, and of the tipstaves $800 per annum, said salaries to be paid monthly, and in lieu of all fees.

SALARIES OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND CLERKS.

A bill was passed equalizing the time of payment and mode of fixing the compensation of the county officers of Allegheny county, and their clerks. It provides that all salaries payable to the different officers of Allegheny county and their clerks, shall be payable monthly. The second section provides that the allowance of $2,500 to the Treasurer of the county for clerk hire shall be abolished.

KETSTONE IRON COMPANY.

The charter of this company names John A. McKee, Samuel M. Kier, H. C. Powers, I. Vannote, and John Baille, together with those who may become hereafter associated with them, as incorporators, to purchase and hold not more than 2,000 acres of land in Allegheny and adjoining counties, to make fire brick, to mine, prepare, purchase, transport, and sell coal, iron ore, limestone and pipe clay or any other minerals found upon their lands; also to construct roads, erect blast furnaces, and carry on a general manufacturing business. The capital stock is named at $20,000 with power to increase to $100,000. The other sections are similar to those usually found in such charters.

THE MOUNT OLIVER INCLINED PLAIN COMPANY.

A bill to amend the charter of this Company gives it power to contract to pay interest at the rate of eight per cent. per annum.

ALLEGHENY IMPROVEMENT LAND COMPANY.

This charter confers on Alexander M. Cameron, Joseph Eaton, Dr. George W. Spencer, A. W. Erwin, Jabez W. L. Duke, Dr. G. A. Sprecher, H. Love, George B. Hill and Joseph M. Gazzam the powers of a body corporate, to be known as "The Allegheny Improvement Land Company of the City of Pittsburgh," with "all the powers, duties, privileges and obligations conferred upon the United States Guarantee Insurance Company, of Pennsylvania," by act of 1868. The office of the company, however, must be in the city of Pittsburgh.

PENNSYLVANIA LAND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY.

This act incorporates David Gregg, Joseph M. Gazzam, Wm. Wills, L. J. Blanchard, Thos. Jamison, Jackson Duncan and C. H. Paulson as the "Pennsylvania Land Improvement Company of Pittsburgh," to "exercise and enjoy all the powers and privileges vested in and conferred upon the Improvement and Corporative company" by act of May 12, 1872.

These two laws represent one of the peculiar phrases of special legislation, viz: passing laws by a mere reference to the title of former acts. It is going it blind, with a vengeance.

CONSOLIDATED GAS COMPANY.

The Senate this morning passed a bill authorizing the Consolidated Gas Company of the city of Pittsburgh to issue $50 bonds, bearing eight per cent. interest, to an amount not exceeding that which said company has the right to borrow, and to secure the payment of the same by mortgage to trustees of all the property, real and personal, now owned by the company, or which it may hereafter acquire. It is alleged this is a bill to crowd out the small stockholders. They had better take notice and secure proper guards for their interests when the bill comes up in the House.

SHERIFF'S SALES OF REAL ESTATE.

The House to-day passed a bill "relating to sheriff's sales of real estate in the county of Allegheny, providing for the appraisement of the same before sale, and giving the right to redeem." This bill is as follows:

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted*, &c., That it shall be the duty of the sheriff of the county of Alleghany, if the defendant in the writ shall so require in writing to said sheriff before exposing to sale any real estate, by virtue of any writ of levari facias, lev. fa., or vend. ex., to cause the same to be appraised under oath by three disinterested freeholders of the county; the opinion of a majority of said appraisers as to the value of the land to be sold, and the said appraisement shall be signed by the said appraisers or the two concurring therein and returned by the sheriff with the execution. The said appraisers to receive as compensation the sum of three dollars each day employed by them, to be taxed and paid as costs in the case.

SEC. 2. If the real estate, so appraised, does not, when sold by the Sheriff, bring two-thirds of the appraised value thereof, the defendant or his heirs, or assigns shall have the right to redeem the same within one year from the day of sale, by paying the purchaser or his heirs or assigns the amount of his bid and interest thereon at the rate of six per centum per annum, who, upon payment or tender thereof, shall be required to execute and deliver a deed to the defendant for the real estate so sold.

SEWICKLEY WATER WORKS.

The bill authorizing the erection of water works in Sewickley borough, the issue of borough bonds, and the levy of a special tax, was objected off the calendar, and goes over until next week.

PUTTING THE SCREWS DOWN.

The House this afternoon was stopped short in the hurried passage of special laws, by earnest appeals from Mahon of Franklin, Mitchell of Tioga, Orvis of Centre and Brockway of Columbia, showing that a number of bills pending then were in direct conflict to the Constitution, which authorizes the courts to grant the powers sought to be obtained by legislation. These gentlemen represent the best gentlemen of the Legislature in the House, and are the strongest and ablest debaters on the floor. They succeeded in stopping the passage of a certain class of bills of which there were a great number on the calendar, and to which not the slightest objection will be made, and it is hoped that it will now be postponed until to-morrow. When the attention of the House is brought to this species of legislation, the members are all very contrite, but it soon wears off. ARCTIC.

Legislative Proceedings.

A Bill Allowing the Consolidated Gas Co. to Issue Bonds.

CLERKS OF COUNTIES TO COUNT VOTES ON LOCAL OPTION.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette
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SENATE.

PETITION.

MR. GRAHAM presented a petition against the opening of roads through the property of Sperling Arms, Allegheny.

BILLS READ.

By MR. WEAKLEY, to extend the power of the Orphans' Court, for the better protection of trust funds.

By MR. HUMPHREYS, a supplement to the Consolidated Gas Company of Pittsburgh, to allow them to issue bonds to extend their work.

By MR. GRAHAM, to incorporate the Union Improvement Company.

By MR. WALLACE, to repeal all laws exempting real estate from taxation.

MR. RUTAN, a resolution that the Judiciary Committee frame a general law, relating to the opening and vacating of streets and alleys in cities and boroughs.

BILLS PASSED.

A supplement to the school law of the city of Pittsburgh.

Relating to school directors in new territory.

To authorize the Westmoreland Agricultural Society to borrow money.

To compel the clerks in the different counties in the commonwealth to count the votes had on local option in the general return.

AN ACT POSTPONED.

The act relating to the measurement of lumber was postponed for the present.

HOUSE.

PRIVATE CALENDAR.

The private calendar, containing one hundred and fifty bills, was taken up. Considerable discussion was had on bills in which the courts had power, and many were stricken off. No Allegheny bills were stricken off, and no new bills were passed except an act relating to Sheriff's sales, giving the right to return after appraisement.

Messrs. ORR and MITCHELL made a united effort to rule off bills where courts have power.

At five o'clock, the House, after having the longest session of the season, adjourned.

The Constitutional Convention.

Report of the Committee on Suffrage, Election and Representation.

Resolution Preventing the State Funds from being Farmed Out.

The Woman Suffrage Question—Exemption of Household Goods from Distress or Sale for Rent—Reports from Prothonotaries, &c.

PHILADELPHIA, February 3, 1873.

REPORTS FROM PROTHONOTARIES.

Reports were receive from the Prothonotaries of the counties of Pike, Cameron, Fulton and Cambria.

EXECUTIONS ON DISTRESS FOR RENT.

By Mr. M. Hall Stanton that the Committee on Revenue, Finance and Taxation be instructed to inquire into and report upon the propriety of exempting from levy and sale on execution or distress for rent, and from taxation, all household furniture, beds and bedding, and watches in actual use in any family, as well as wearing apparel, books and one piano, melodeon or parlor organ, and that no waiver of the exemption shall hereafter be permitted in any case whatever; and that no law exempting any personal property from taxation for State, city or county purposes, shall hereafter be operative.

THE STATE FUNDS.

By Mr. Lilly, restraining the State Treasurer from farming out the funds of the Commonwealth.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Mr. Campbell presented a minority report from the Committee on Suffrage, Election and Representation, as follows:

"We recommend that the question, Shall women exercise the right of suffrage? be submitted by the Convention to the qualified voters of the Commonwealth, and also upon the same day therewith to those women of the Commonwealth, who upon the day of voting shall be of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, and have been residents of the State one year, and in the district where they offer to vote at least sixty days prior thereto; and that if a majority of all the votes cast at said election shall be in the affirmative, then the word "male" as a qualification for an elector contained in Section —— of Article —— on Suffrage and Elections shall be stricken out, and women in this State shall thereafter exercise the right of suffrage, subject to the same restrictions as are placed on male voters.

[Signed] "J. H CAMPBELL,
"LEWIS C. CASSIDY,
"WM. H. LAWRENCE."

THE REPORT ON SUFFRAGE.

The Convention then went into Committee of the Whole, and took up the report of the Committee on Suffrage, Election and Representation, Mr. Lawrence (Washington) in the chair.

The following section was under consideration:

Every male citizen of the United States, of the age of twenty-one years, having resided in the State for one year and in the election district where he offers to vote ten months immediately preceding the election, shall enjoy the rights of an elector; but an elector of the State who, having removed therefrom and returned thereto, and who shall have resided in the election district as aforesaid, shall be entitled to vote after having resided in the State six months; provided, no naturalized citizen shall enjoy the rights of an elector until one month shall have elapsed from the time he became a citizen.

Mr. Broomall (Delaware) moved to amend in the first line by striking out the word "male."

Mr. McAllister (Centre), chairman of the Committee, took the floor and made a lengthy speech against female suffrage and in defense of the report as it came from the committee.

Mr. Campbell (Philadelphia) did not wish the subject decided to-day, and hoped that it would be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. White (Indiana) moved to amend that "every freeman being a citizen," &c., and supported it in a few remarks.

Mr. Mantor (Crawford) would vote hereafter to submit to the people of this State the question whether the women of the Commonwealth should have the right to vote.

Mr. McConnell (Allegheny) declared his conviction that the question should be given to the people of the State to decide. He would vote for woman suffrage if it was submitted to him. The subject must be settled sooner or later. If we do not do it now, our sons will in the hereafter. It must come to this at no distant day. We run no risk in trusting woman with the elective franchise, and in his portion of the State he had never witnessed an election which would have contaminated women electors.

Mr. Mann (Potter) would vote for the precise language of the section, although he believed that there was no good reason why women should not be allowed to vote.

Mr. W. H. Smith (Allegheny) did not want two heads in each family, and believed that female suffrage would create disorder in every household. He referred to the Woodhulls and Claflins of New York, and cited them as the champions of woman suffrage. He was opposed to the whole thing as monstrous.

Mr. McMurray (Jefferson) would favor submitting the question to the people, believing that they will vote it down by an overwhelming majority, but if he thought they would adopt the proposition, he would vote against sending it down to them, and this was his position, for he was utterly opposed to females voting.

Mr. Broomall (Delaware) made a few remarks, when, on motion of Judge Walker (Erie), the Committee rose, with leave to sit again to-morrow.

On motion the Committee adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

THE RIVERS.

CINCINNATI, February 4.—The river rose six feet in the last twenty-four hours; eighteen feet; still rising, navigation resumed. Departed for New Orleans—Charles B. Church and Liberty No. 4. The ice is light and soft. Weather clear; thermometer 42 at 7 o'clock.

LOUISVILLE, February 4.—River risen 16 inches in the past 24 hours; rising slowing; 7 feet 10 inches in canal; 5 feet 10 inches in chute. Slightly cloudy; clear most of the day; mild; mercury 50 to 60; getting colder. Some ice moving, but soft and mushy. Navigation is resumed. The packets started out. Departed: Nashville, Arkansas River; Iron Mountain and barges, New Orleans; W. Bigley, with a tow of coal, Memphis. The Nashville carried a big trip. The Simpson Horner and John A. Wood are preparing to put their tows through the canal. Other boats here are actively getting ready to move.

EVANSVILLE, IND., February 4.—Cloudy till noon; since clear and mild; mercury 52. In the last 24 hours the river has fallen 6 inches. Wind from the west. Down—Camella, 10 P. M.; Hawkeye and barges, 1 A. M.; Messenger, 2; Lickskeep, 6 A. M.; Silver Lake, 8. Up—Lafayette, 8 A. M.; Potomac, 1; J. D. Parker, 2, all with good trips. Business active. The Collier has got back to her barges.

CAIRO, February 4.—Arrived—Thomas Dean, New Orleans, 1 P. M.; Minnie Gilchrist, Evansville, 1; Fisk, Paducah, 4; Mary Houston, New Orleans, 5. Departed—Babbage, St. Louis, 3 P. M.; J. N. Kellogg, St. Louis, 4; Mary Houston, Louisville, 9. The Ohio is clear of ice. River falling. Clear and warm; mercury 54.

ST. LOUIS, February 4.—River rising slowly. Weather clear and cooler than yesterday. No appearance of ice yet, but the gorge from the Illinois is expected soon.

MEMPHIS, February 4.—Clear and spring-like. River falling and clear of ice. Arrived—City of Chester, St. Louis; Legal Tender, White River; Nick Longworth, New Orleans. Departed—Grand Lake, with a tow of coal; Mary Alice and Mary Forsythe, New Orleans; Desmet, St. Louis. The Grand Lake sold 65,000 bushels of coal here.

NASHVILLE, TENN., February 4.—River swelling; 4½ feet on Harpeth shoals. Weather mild and cloudy. A general rise is expected by steamboat men. Arrived—Tyrone, Cairo.

VICKSBURG, February 4.—Down—H. S. Turner, Tom Jasper, Belfast and Natchez. Up—Indiana and Shannon. Clear and cool. River rising.

NEW ORLEANS, February 4.—Arrived—Bismarck, St. Louis. Departed—Joe Kinny, St. Louis. Clear and warm.

LEGISLATURES.

Ohio.

COLUMBUS, February 4.—In the House this morning the House bills prescribing a penalty for shipping paupers from one county to another so as to avoid their support, and a bill to give towns and villages the same power for opening and improving streets that cities now have, were reported.

In the Senate this afternoon the Senate bill to provide for uniformity in the measurement of spirituous liquors was passed.

In the House bills were introduced to allow members of Council or citizens a dollar for each meeting, and in villages fifty cents; to abolish the office of Superintendent of free turnpike roads, and place such roads in the care of township trustees.

KENTUCKY.

CINCINNATI, February 4.—A dispatch from Frankfort, Ky., to-day, has been received, to the effect that the Kentucky Senate concurred in the House bill relieving the Cincinnati and Southern Railroad from the tonnage tax on freight, as provided in the original charter.

NEW YORK.

ALBANY, February 4.—In the Senate a resolution was offered requesting the United States Senators and Representatives in Congress to oppose the proposed Governmental purchase of the telegraph. Laid over under the rules.

—Between seven and eight o'clock Tuesday night, a meteor was seen in Cincinnati starting in the western horizon, coursing slowly to the zenith, where it was lost. It left a track resembling a silvery mist, extending far behind it, slowly falling. It was unattended by blaze or report.

SECOND EDITION.

Four O'Clock.

THE CAPITAL.

The Louisville Canal and Ohio River.

THE RAILROAD PATENT CAR BRAKE JOB.

Propositions Before Credit Mobilier Committee No. 2.

The Puget Sound Acquisition.

PROPOSED SOUTHERN TOUR BY THE PRESIDENT.

Caldwell's Statement in the Bribery Investigation.

Subsidized Corporations and Government Dues.

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LOUISVILLE CANAL AND OHIO RIVER.

The House Commerce Committee heard a delegation to-day from Cincinnati advocating the assumption by the Government of the work on the Louisville canal, and a reduction of the tolls to five cents per ton.

The committee will prepare a bill extending the jurisdiction of the Light House Board to the Ohio river, and take up the general river and harbor appropriation bill on Thursday.

DELINQUENT NATIONAL BANKS TO BE FINED.

The House Banking and Currency Committee agreed to-day to report a bill fining national banks one per cent. on each ten days' delay on January and July payments of Treasury dues.

CREDIT MOBILIER.

Credit Mobilier Committee number two, J. M. Wilson, of Indiana, Chairman, has now under consideration the following three propositions: First, that Congress repeal the charter of the Union Pacific Road; second, that the Government take possession of the road; third, that Congress compel payment of the accrued interest, and also the interest as it shall become due; compelling the road to set aside five per cent. of its net earnings, as provided by the act of corporation, as a sinking fund for the redemption of its bonds when they become due, and prohibiting the company from seeking any redress in the Courts. There is no indication which of these propositions will be adopted.

SUBSIDIZED CORPORATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DUES.

The Ways and Means Committee will to-morrow vote on the Senate proposition compelling subsidized corporations to allow all dues for Government transportation to be turned to the interest account. Some curiosity is expressed as to the probable action of Henry L. Dawes, of Massachusetts, the present chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. Two years ago, when corporations were released from their obligations to the Government by the House Appropriation Committee, Mr. Dawes was chairman, and acted in the interest of the roads and against the Government. Now, when the question comes before another committee, it finds Mr. Dawes at its head and, it is said, ready to do the bidding of the corporations.

THE RAILROAD PATENT CAR BRAKE JOB.

The House Patent Committee have under consideration the question of extending the Tanner patent railway car brake, so called. This is one of the biggest patent jobs before Congress and deserves to be shown up without mercy. In the first place, the parties advocating it came here in the hope that they would be able to smuggle it through the House and Senate committee, and the only information that was had of their intentions came through the newspaper correspondents. Tanner, years ago, sold the patent to a Chicago speculator by the name of Sayles, who in two suits, one against the Northwestern Railroad Company at Chicago, and one against a New York railway, had his right sustained. The profit to himself, if he can get a reissue of the patent, will be from one-half to a million dollars. The matter comes to Congress in the Barden brake, a form which is intended to conceal the identity of the two, and as it covers every railway in the United States with cars where the brakes are applied to both trucks simultaneously, and can be operated from either end, some idea will be conceived of its value to the speculator. The patent has already been extended one term of seven years by the Patent Office. This Batchelder claims that he has not made anything out of the invention. How much truth there is in this assertion will be perceived when it is stated that he is entitled to one-half the proceeds of Sayles' operations. That they have not yet got the money into their hands is the merest pretence, which the House Patent Committee can ascertain if it so desires.

MEMENTOES OF THE WAR.

There are 236 Union flags in the building appropriated to their preservation by the War Department, which were found in the War Department of the Government at Richmond after the evacuation by its armies. There are also 543 rebel flags, which were captured by the Union army at various points. One of them has quite a history described upon its staff, giving the names of 46 regular engagements in which it waved. It is torn into tatters, nothing scarcely except the threads remaining. Could it tell its own history, it would speak of many an accident by flood and fire, and hairbreadth escapes in the hands of its bearers. It was the standard of Gen. Buford's regular cavalry reserve brigade, Sheridan's Corps.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Bridges, builder and architect of Chicago, at the suggestion of Gen. Van Buren, the U. S. Commissioner to the World's Fair in Vienna, called on the Commissioner of Education to confer with regard to the exhibition of an American school house at Vienna. Mr. Bridges prepared the school that was exhibited at the Centennial Exposition, and from the interview was that the Commissioners of Education will hold a meeting in this city on Thursday morning of next week, to select plans for the construction of the house it is proposed to send over.

THE PUGET SOUND ACQUISITION.

It is understood that the President will issue an order to-morrow, taking formal possession of the disputed territory at Puget's Sound. It will be remembered that there was some dispute as to the ownership of this territory between the Governments of Great Britain and the United States, and that the contested point was left to the decision of the German Government, which Government decided in favor of the United States; hence the order.

POSTAGE STAMP ESTIMATE.

The Fourth Auditor of the Treasury estimates that $10,600 worth of postage stamps will be required for that office up to June 30, 1874, by reason of the abolition of the franking privilege. DIAMOND.

[By Associated Press.]
WASHINGTON, February 4, 1873.

CREDIT MOBILIER INVESTIGATION.

At the opening of the sitting of Poland's Credit Mobilier Committee this morning, neither Ames nor John J. Blair, who were to be examined, were present. The committee, therefore, adjourned to Thursday morning, unless in the meantime the gentlemen appear, in which event there will be a special meeting. Poland this morning received a letter from Ames requesting that ex-Senator Fowler of Tennessee be examined, to show that McComb offered to let him have stock, but as McComb admitted the fact in his testimony the committee did not deem it necessary to summon Fowler. Among other things, Allen said he thought it could be clearly shown that the only money really made on any contracts, was made under the Credit Mobilier contract, and on this only eight or nine million dollars were made, parties in interest receiving only sixteen or seventeen per cent. They expected to realize at least twenty-five per cent. profit, which was regarded by railroad men as moderate, considering the great risk taken; that it was more hazardous than any other railroad in building in which he was ever concerned. He thought all railroad men would tell the committee that a profit of sixteen, eighteen or twenty per cent. was exceedingly moderate. The committee then took a recess.

CALDWELL INVESTIGATION.

The Caldwell investigation was resumed today. After the examination of several witnesses, Caldwell's statement was read, which is substantially as follows: In 1870 he was induced to enter into the contest for the Senate as described. He denied emphatically the statement of Clark, Anthony, Carney and Burk, that the election cost $60,000, or $70,000, or other large sum, or that he or Lem Smith, in his presence, declared he would have the seat if it cost $250,000. All the statements that he had promised or given any consideration for votes are false. The parties named are personal enemies. Carney endeavored to induce Caldwell to withdraw from the canvass, and said he would withdraw if Caldwell would pay him $15,000, or would give Caldwell twice or thrice that sum if he would withdraw. Both propositions Caldwell declined, but at a subsequent meeting accepted the first, and paid the money to Carney himself, although his friends offered to raise it. He did not agree to pay the expenses of Stevens or Clark, or their friends, on condition of receiving their support. On his way home from Topeka, after the election, Clark came to him and said, inasmuch as he (Clark) was poor and Caldwell rich, he defeated and Caldwell successful, and that as Caldwell had been elected by his influence, it was only fair that he should pay Clark's expenses. Caldwell replied that he would consider the matter. After he took his seat in the Senate, Clark came to him and asked him to secure the appointment of a friend as postmaster at Lawrence. At the same time he reminded him of the request for the payment of expenses. This reminder was repeatedly made. Finally Clark demanded fifteen hundred dollars, which he refused. Clark said Caldwell could not afford to refuse; that he would make trouble. Clark then went to Kansas and set an investigation on foot. Caldwell never stated that the Kansas Pacific Railroad agreed to share with him the expenses of the election, and had subsequently refused to do so, or that said railroad should get nothing through Congress unless the agreement was fulfilled. On the contrary, he was on the most friendly terms with the officers of the road, and one of his first acts in the Senate was the introduction of a bill drawn by them for the benefit of the road.

Caldwell then took up and denied the allegations of corruption made against him during the investigation, and said, in conclusion: I will say that I have endeavored to answer every accusation in the evidence offered tending in any way to connect me with any improper practices, or the use of corrupt means to secure my election, and I now say, generally, and upon my honor, that I never expended one dollar for the purposes of corrupting any member of the Legislature which elected me to the United States Senate. I never promised nor paid, nor authorized any one to promise to pay, money or other reward for the purpose or with the design of corruptly influencing any person in my favor. I do not hesitate to admit that I paid the usual and legitimate expenses ordinarily incurred by candidates on such occasions, and in the payment of such bills I certainly did not deem that I was guilty of corrupt or immoral acts. What indiscreet friends may have done or said during the canvass I know not, and surely should not be held responsible therefor.

This statement was not sworn to. Mr. Morton announced that if the expected witnesses and bank books arrived they would be examined, and that Caldwell would then have an opportunity to reply to any disclosures made.

Adjourned.

A DAUGHTER OF ZACHARY TAYLOR PENSIONED.

Speaker Blaine, to-day, having called Mr. Davies to occupy the chair, appeared on the floor, saying he had a few minutes ago had an interview in the Speaker's room which had deeply touched him. It was with the widow of Robert C. Wood, late assistant surgeon in the United States army, and daughter of Zachary Taylor, late President of the United States. She had presented a petition, which he would not have read, as it presented a state of facts that ought not to be expected, viz., that a daughter of Zachary Taylor was in need of assistance. He had assured her that he did not believe there would be a vote against the bill which he now introduced granting to Mrs. Wood a pension of fifty dollars per month, to date from the death of her husband, March 28, 1869, and it was passed by a unanimous vote.

PROPOSED SOUTHERN TOUR BY THE PRESIDENT.

It is stated that President Grant, yesterday, assured a delegation of Georgians that after the close of the session he should, in company with members of the Cabinet, make an extended Southern tour, visiting New Orleans via Richmond, Raleigh, Columbia, Charleston, Mobile, and other places. From New Orleans he would go to Memphis, but was undecided whether he would return via Knoxville or Nashville and Louisville. He declined to state anything positive concerning the appointment of a Southerner in his Cabinet.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

For the New England and Middle States, rising barometer, somewhat lower temperature, westerly to northerly winds, and very generally clear weather; for the South Atlantic and Gulf States, falling barometer, stationary or lower temperature, northeasterly winds and clear and clearing weather; from Tennessee to Ohio and lower Michigan, northwesterly and westerly winds and generally clear weather; from Missouri to Minnesota and Lakes Superior and Michigan, westerly to southerly winds and generally clear weather.

PROBABLE ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

A Mr. Hardgrave was found this morning, on Thirteenth street, with his throat cut in a critical manner. The man acted deliriously and attacked his wife and child. It appears that during the war he suffered the loss of property, having resided in Nelson county, Virginia, and became depressed thereby.

NEW TELEGRAPH CABLE.

The House Committee on Foreign Affairs today agreed to recommend the passage of a bill to incorporate the America, China and Japan Telegraph Company, with a capital of $10,000,000. They also agreed to invite the World's Statistical Congress to hold its next session in 1875 in this country.

A BILL TO PAY SOUTHERN CLAIMS.

The House Committee on Claims have prepared a bill, which will be reported on Saturday, paying the awards of claims allowed by the Commissioners on Southern Claims. The bill embraces thirteen hundred names, and appropriates about $900,000.

CHANGING U. S. BONDS.

The Comptroller of the Currency will not hereafter change United States bonds deposited as security for circulating notes of national banks except upon the condition substituting new five per cents of the loan of July, 14, 1870, and January 20, 1871.

NOMINATIONS.

The President sent the following nominations to the Senate to-day: Adam J. Begges, Appraiser of Merchandize at Cleveland, Ohio, and Frank Halton, Postmaster at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

NOMINATION CONFIRMED.

The Senate confirmed Frank Halton as Postmaster at Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

DENIAL.

General Burnside denies that he is a candidate for the command of the Marine Corps.

BOILER EXPLOSION.

Eight Persons Killed.

THIRTEEN WOUNDED.

NEW YORK, February 4.—Special dispatches report that eight persons were killed and thirteen wounded, more or less dangerously, by a boiler explosion at Conshohocken, three miles from Norristown and thirteen miles from Philadelphia, in the foundry and rolling mills of John Wood & Brothers, yesterday afternoon at about a quarter past four o'clock. The foundry constantly employs about five hundred men. The works cover an area of eight acres, and are the largest in that section. The boiler had been examined on Saturday and implicit confidence had been placed in its reliability. Just before the fatal explosion, a man had examined the boiler and found the valve perfectly loose, there being but three gauges of water at the time. Six were killed outright, three of them being boys. The latter were employed in the print works, which were distant some two hundred feet from the place of the explosion. Those standing at the door of the works when the boiler burst. The names of the killed are: Wm. Hummel, Jr., W. H. Carroll, Wm. Kelley, and Wm. Barrett. The last two named died shortly after the explosion. The names of the three boys have not been ascertained, and it is feared that many of the wounded will die. The day workmen had left for their homes at the time of the explosion, and the night workmen were on their way to the foundry. There is a scene of chaotic confusion presented at the mill, half of which is in ruins.

PHILADELPHIA, February 4.—At the boiler explosion at Conshohocken, one of the boys killed, James McCall, was literally cut in two.

LATER.

PHILADELPHIA, February 4.—Two more victims of the Conshohocken explosion, James Satterlie and Wm. Kelly, died this afternoon, making eleven deaths in all. Robert Geary was reported to be dying this evening.

An inquest on the bodies was held to-day. The verdict of the jury is that the deceased came to their deaths by the explosion of a boiler in the rolling mill of J. Wood & Bro., and in the opinion of the jury, said boiler had by long and continued use become in certain parts inadequate to carry the required pressure of eighty pounds of steam.

FIRES.

Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, February 4.—The building of the Globe Rolling Mill, on front street, adjoining the gass works, was entirely consumed by fire this evening. It was the property of the Globe Rolling Mill Company, of which Louis Worthington is President. It manufactured bar, boiler and sheet iron and wire. The loss is estimated at $70,000; insurance $20,000.

MARINE NEWS.

LONDON, February 4.—The steamship Idaho has arrived at Liverpool. The steamships City of Brussels and Silesia have arrived out, and the Denmark has arrived here.

BREST, February 4.—The steamship Ville De Paris has arrived.

NEW YORK, February 4—The steamship Manhattan, from Liverpool, has arrived.

—Mention was made yesterday of the cutting affray at Sharpsburg on Saturday night, and in which Cornelius Raffis was badly stabbed. It is reported that since then Raffis has died, though we were unable last evening to learn whether or not the story was true. Russel, who was arrested on a charge of having done the cutting, was released on five thousand dollars bail.

FOREIGN NEWS.

A Town Destroyed by an Earthquake in India.

BISMARCK PREPARING FOR WAR.

One Hundred Persons Frozen to Death in Great Britain.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1873.

THE new King of Sweden, Oscar II., will be crowned on the first of May. Whether he will have a "May Queen" is not announced.

THE bill for refunding the cotton tax has been defeated in the House Committee of Ways and Means, which finishes it so far as this Congress is concerned. It will appear again, doubtless, at the next session, and like the Irishman's cat, will have to be killed over again.

THE epidemic has reached Nevada, where we learn that every mine but two in the neighborhood of Virginia City has been compelled to suspend work. The disease has traveled steadily but surely across the continent. We wonder if the broad Pacific will stop its march toward sunset.

THE latest rumors from the scene of the late marine disaster in the English channel are to the effect that the unknown steamer which collided and sunk the Northfleet also went to the bottom with her entire crew. Our dispatches this morning will doubtless confirm or deny the truth of this terrible rumor.

WHEN Governor Geary informed the people of Pennsylvania that seventy-five thousand children who could neither read nor write dwelt within our borders, he touched a cord in the popular heart which will yet assert itself, and prove too strong for the opponents of compulsory education. The people must be educated, if our institutions are to be perpetuated, and our liberties preserved.

WONDERS will never cease. A meeting of slaveholders has been held in Havana, Cuba, at which the question of abolition was freely discussed, and the prevailing sentiment appeared to favor the idea. The grandees wanted the slaves, on gaining their freedom, to enter into contracts for eight to twelve years' service, at from one to five dollars per month. That will do for a beginning; anything to break the ice. But the hand-writing on the wall is plainly seen, and ere long the accursed institution will disappear from the face of the earth.

A CURIOUS STORY is telegraphed from New York that some "friend" lately wrote to Stokes a letter, stating that the paper on which it was written had been saturated with a deadly poison of sufficient strength to cause death if moistened in the mouth. Stokes is said to have turned the letter over to his keepers, who will have it analized. The story, if true, is interesting in that it shows what strange methods can be resorted to in order to defeat the ends of justice by artful strategems, and that Stokes does not intend, at present at least, to destroy his own life.

ACCORDING to a statement in the New York *Tribune*, Tweed, if he shall be found guilty, can not be further punished than with a fine of $250 and imprisonment for one year. The fault is in the law punishing a misdemeanor in that State, which fixes the above penalty as the maximum. It will be a source of very general regret if this shall prove true. Tweed, the *Tribune* thinks, should have been prosecuted and convicted on twenty different indictments, and thus have received twenty years' imprisonment. In the absence of this, it thinks the trial will prove a great farce. Surely some one has blundered.

PHELPS, DODGE & Co., who were charged with swindling the Government through false invoices, have escaped a trial and possible punishment by compromising the case, and paying $200,000 to the revenue. They claim that the errors arose through a misconstruction of the custom laws, and that they always held themselves liable for the additional amount of duties on their importations, in case their construction of the laws should prove erroneous. The high character of the house and the social eminence of its proprietors cause us to believe their statement true, and that no intention existed to defraud the Government.

THE Hon. Samuel E. Dimmick, the newly appointed Attorney General, is a native of New York, but for many years has been a resident of this State. He is a thorough scholar, a sound lawyer and a gentleman of most unexceptionable private character. Governor Hartranft could not have made a better selection had he hunted the State over. Unless we much mistake the man, he will prove of vastly different material from any of our more recent Attorneys, and will not be used as a supple tool by any one. He is strong in his Republicanism, yet is not enough of a partisan to permit politics to blind his eyes and lead him astray on any subject. He is a member of the Constitutional Convention, is in the prime of life, and resides at Honesdale, Wayne county.

THE great snow storm which has prevailed hereabouts, with more or less severity, for a week past, appears to have been general; all parts of the country above the thirty-sixth degree of latitude having been visited in that time. The trains and mails have been delayed, in some cases for whole days; ferry boats have been storm-stayed for hours; navigation on some of the rivers has been interrupted; and even out on the ocean we find indications of the great storm in the fact that several of the first-class steamers are over-due. The quantity of snow that has fallen gives good cause for anxiety to those living along the banks of the rivers, as a spring flood of great magnitude is not at all improbable. Should the snow go off rapidly with rain, these fears will doubtless turn out too true, and much distress and loss of life may ensue. It is well to be on guard, for such an event is looked for by many of the weather prophets. It would be a good time also for the Street Commissioners to have the gutters overhauled and put in good order for the rush of water that the thaw will bring.

THE equitable distribution of the Geneva award is likely to find its solution in the adoption of Ben Butler's bill. This measure provides for refunding a just proportion of loss to owners of uninsured vessels and cargoes; to the officers and crews for personal property, wages and expenses incurred by reason of their being landed in foreign countries by the privateers; to the United States for vessels destroyed by cruisers, and to merchants for war premiums paid. No money is to be refunded under this bill to those who collected insurance, and none to the underwriters who took the war risk, and received the war premiums. This measure was presented by General Butler, and comes now before Congress from the Judiciary Committee of the House. It provides adequate safeguards against swindlers and speculators in claims, and reflects the sagacity and forethought of its keen-minded author. The insurers are of course opposing it, and think their losses should be paid out of the award; but the justice of this will be disputed, as they were paid for taking the risk of cruisers, and doubtless their premiums exceeded their losses from this source.

THERE are supposed to be 28,000 slaves in Porto Rico. These the Government of Spain propose to buy and set free, using the sum of 140,000,000 reals in the purchase, or $7,000,000 in our money. This will be at the rate of $250 for each slave, considered an outside price in the present condition of the slave market in that quarter. On the same terms it will require $75,000,000 to emancipate the slaves of Cuba, as they number something near 300,000. Spain has set out on a glorious mission, but grave doubts are expressed as to her ability to carry it out. Money is a thing badly needed at Madrid; and this lack of means may be the cause of the postponement of emancipation in Cuba. Besides this, a mountain of prejudice will have to be met and overcome, as the Cuban grandees are averse to freeing the slaves. The anti-slavery society of the United States, which we believe refused some time ago to disband, might find a good field for operations in the West Indies for disseminating their publications, thus educating the people up to freedom, and might also help Spain out of the financial difficulty she appears to be in.

THE following extract from the Philadelphia *Press* corroborates our view recently expressed, that the "premonition of the storm" of opposition to the adoption of the new Constitution has been made, and we regret that the *Avant Coureur* should be the Chairman of the Republican State Committee. The *Press* says: "Opposition to the Constitutional Convention in advance of the conclusion of its work has already broken out. The cloud has been gathering for some time, and the little flurry that we are about to notice is only the premonition of a storm." The Pittsburgh *Commercial* (which was sold some time ago) leads off, declaring that the only piece of work the Convention has yet done is that of 'tinkers,' and that the people will reject the new Constitution if the rest is so done. It believes in keeping state and national and local and town elections together; and believes that politics (by which we suppose it means parties) will always enter into elections, and control the choice of all sorts of officers. Of course all this is to be expected, and we refer to it simply as showing that it is the common cheer of *Outside of the State, and with honorable, high-toned journals*, the action of the Convention is warmly commended."

THE entire cost of the Union Pacific Railway was $114,358,535. The cost of the California end—the Central Pacific—is estimated at a figure which brings the cost of the entire line at about $240,000,000. It is further estimated by competent judges that $100,000,000, or $120,000,000 at the outside, would cover the *actual* cost of building and equipping this road from Missouri to the Pacific. The difference is supposed to represent the profits of the Credit Mobilier stockholders, and other speculators, who took the contract for building the road.

THE debt of the Union Pacific road is $75,000,000, and of the Central $80,000,000, both in round figures. This is covered by a first mortgage. The debt of these roads combined, due the United States for money loaned, is $55,000,000. This is a second mortgage, and the interest on it is guaranteed by the government, which so far has been compelled to pay it. The roads were to refund this interest by carrying government freight and mails; but the practice has been under authority of Congress to postpone the refunding of this interest, and the roads in the meantime have received the money on their freight bills. The argument for this has been, that the 200,000,000 acres of land, belonging to the roads, are not yet marketable, and the receipts of the lines do not meet the expenses and interest. *Congress has been lenient thus far*, and permitted the thing to go on unadjusted, but a settlement is now called for.

IN the trial of Mrs. Wharton, at Baltimore, for an attempt to murder by poison Mr. Van Ness, which has been in progress for some time, Dr. Horatio G. Wood testified as follows:

"I have made toxicology a special study, and am now engaged in preparing an elaborate work on toxicology, in connection with Professor Leidy, of Philadelphia, who also a professor of medical botany; I have heard the testimony of Mr. Van Ness and Drs. Williams and Chew; I am fully of the opinion that the attack of Mr. Van Ness on the 19th of June was a very simple form of a natural disorder, and that no person in existence could have caused the symptoms observed; I am positive that the attack of Tuesday was not due to poison, and am equally positive that no person and no compound of poisons could have occasioned the attack of the 24th of June; the first attack could have been due to many causes, but that could not have been administered without giving a most intense bitter taste to the vehicle through which it is conveyed."

Miss Nellie Wharton testified that "after Mr. Van Ness had partaken of claret at her mother's and pronounced it bitter, the residue in the bottle was poured into a glass, which she drank, and observed nothing peculiar about the taste; when Mr. Van Ness left the house she accompanied him to the door; on her return her mother took up Mr. Van Ness' glass and drank from it more than he had; neither of them experienced any ill effects."

This begins to look as though the evidence of the accused lady's guilt is based more on imagination and suspicion than on facts. If Mrs. Wharton is innocent, which we have from the first believed, she is certainly one of the worst of victims to circumstantial evidence that history gives any account of. The sudden death and illness of so many persons in her house, or immediately following a visit there, are likely to remain an unsolved mystery, until time or the pangs of a guilty conscience shall reveal the truth. We think it has been clearly proven that Mrs. Wharton is not the Borgia which a hasty judgment would have pronounced her.

THE Cincinnati *Commercial* has a correspondent in Oregon, Holt county, Missouri, named Clarke Irvine, who gives a doleful account of the country traversed by the Northern Pacific Railroad. He calls it "Jay Cooke's paradise," and evidently greatly exaggerates the picture, and thereby destroys his character for veracity. For the benefit of our Pennsylvania farmers who design emigrating "West," we publish this letter below, remarking that it presents a portraiture of "life on the prairie," which may not be in all respects strictly accurate, yet it doubtless comes near enough the actual reality to induce one to hesitate before he leaves a good farm, home and warm winter fireside under the belief that a home in the "far west" is all roses and no thorns. Read what Mr. Irvine says:

"Last winter I wrote a letter to you concerning the region of country penetrated by the North Pacific Railroad, which you published under the heading 'Jay Cooke's Land of Promise.' I wrote that letter for the purpose of setting forth the truth concerning that region, and exposing the falsehood of many statements, by interested parties, as to the mildness of the climate. I said then, as I do now, that they were guilty of a stupendous crime in inducing thousands of people to locate in that region ignorant of its fatal climate. I stated certain facts within my experience concerning the sudden storms and low temperature of its winters, the scarcity of fuel and building material. If that letter prevented any number of persons from locating there, it has doubtless saved several lives. During one storm in that region this winter, over seven hundred persons were frozen to death, with thousands of head of cattle. He will be a benefactor to his race who spreads abroad the truth respecting that climate, and he will be a true friend of that railroad company. For that country, so desirable in many respects, can not be settled in the reckless, shiftless, scattered way in which this was. Men must go there prepared with means to bid defiance to the storms, and should be taught never to expose themselves any distance from shelter during six months of the year. The terrible calamities of this winter have postponed the settlement there for at least ten years. Soon we shall hear the cry: 'Last winter was an exception: it may never happen again.' I tell you there is never a winter without just such storms; thousands of new settlers are there this winter, all ignorant of the climate; hence such wholesale destruction of life while the winter is not yet half over."

That statement of life in the Northwest is enough to deter the stoutest heart, and while we think it overstated, yet it bids all pause and reflect before leaving good old Pennsylvania, with its fine crops and accessible markets.

CHANGE IN ELECTION DAY.

AFTER a fierce contest, the Constitutional Convention has decided that hereafter the State Elections shall be held on the same day with the Congressional and Presidential Elections, viz: the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November, and that all City and Township Elections shall be held on the third Tuesday of February. The effect of this decision must be good in every way that one can think of. The evils which have grown out of the present system are apparent and real. The cry has always been heralded that the October Election must be carried, in order to secure success for the same party in the November contest. Now one can vote as he prefers for State officers without fear of endangering the success of the Presidential ticket. Since Congress decided that elections for Congressmen should be held in all the States on the same day in November of each alternate year, the October Election in this State was rendered unnecessary and a useless expense. The propriety of holding City Elections on a different day and at a different time of the year from the State and National contests will occur to all. It removes the municipal questions away from the national issues, and permits a fair expression on the one without interfering with the other. It will also break up the danger of slipping improper persons into office through the excitements caused by the contest over the more important offices, and draw forth a better expression of the people as to the fitness of candidates for municipal places. Philadelphia, of course, opposed the measure, and for the very reason that we have commended it for. There was one objection urged against the latter change that appeared to have some little force, and that was, that the absence of the usual excitements would tend to decrease the vote cast; but enough interest is taken generally in municipal and township affairs to draw out a fair expression of the people, and no fears need be entertained.

FAIR PLAY FOR THE CONVENTION.

We insist on fair play for the Constitutional Convention, and protest against attempts to prejudice its work in advance. It is a body of men of which every Pennsylvanian may feel a just pride, because of their marked ability and integrity. They meet in obedience to a universal call from every portion of the State, if we throw out of the count ring politicians, speculators and peculators in the public funds, and the detestable lobby of the Legislature. We know very well that the fiat has gone forth that the new Constitution must be defeated, if it interferes with the vested rights of public plunderers, or establishes a system of State administration or municipal government that will secure honesty and efficiency in the public service, and make impossible, or at least difficult, corrupt combinations of ring politicians through which the honest intentions of the people are perverted, and the functions of government usurped. It so happens that the secret reasons, such as we have indicated, for a warfare on the Convention and attempts to prejudice it with the people, constitute the essence of the reasons that have called it into being. That body is not the outgrowth of chimerical and visionary political doctors and theorists, but of the honest determination of the people of the State, irrespective of party or political considerations, that there shall be substantial reform inaugurated in the State and Municipal governments; that speculation in the public funds, or their use as an agency in political or legislative corruption, shall cease; that special legislation shall be prohibited; that there shall be some limit fixed to this piling up of municipal debt and local taxation; and that the judiciary may be made more efficient, and especially abuses corrected that have grown up in the subordinate courts of large cities.

While we protest against the effort now fairly commenced, to pass judgment upon the Constitutional Convention in advance, we do not propose the equal inconsistency of blindly indorsing its work. We shall wait until it is finished, in the meantime giving our readers every opportunity of forming a correct judgment by fair reports and reviews of its proceedings. We share with the great mass of the people of all shades of opinion, the most hopeful expectations that the Convention will meet the demand for reform that called it into being. It has now gone through the initial stage of its proceedings, and listened to a great mass of rubbish, representing some particular hobby of the individual delegates, but these have all been buried in Committee, and the Convention has now settled down to its legitimate work in the consideration of amendments that have passed the ordeal of the Standing Committees, and been reported for final action. No one with a proper appreciation of constitutional government, will cavil at the Convention for studiously and carefully considering every change proposed in the organic law. It is not an instrument that may be repealed next year, but once adopted it may mould and guide public affairs for half a century. Time is a subordinate consideration when compared with the necessity of work as near perfect as can be expected from the human understanding. The debates may be protracted—we hope not needlessly so—but the best results will be derived from the contact of strong minds in argument, and the outcome we hope will be such amendments as will relieve the State of corruption, scandal and misgovernment.

A powerful combination has been already formed to defeat the work of the Convention, on the supposition, which we hope and believe will prove correct, that it will eradicate abuses recognized and appreciated by every citizen. The men who profit by these abuses in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Harrisburg are the life and soul of this conspiracy, but they are powerless themselves unless they delude the people by false pretences, or possibly steal a party name to aid them in this work. They play a skillful game, and vie with the best citizen in denunciation of special legislation and the perversion of the State funds to individual profit. That is to cover their tracks. But their work against the new Constitution, whose main features will be a correction of these evils, will still go on. A terrific storm will be made over its minor provisions, opposition to particular features will be consolidated into opposition to the whole instrument, there will be skillful appeals to localities, and ridicule of everything that can be perverted to that use. If the Convention is wise, diligent and earnest in its labors, we do not believe the conspirators will succeed in defeating the new Constitution, and maintaining the existing order of things, so dear to their hearts and pockets. They will work hard, however, to compass their ends. Already a prominent newspaper of the west has been purchased, bag and baggage, by this combination, and has broken ground against whatever the Convention has done, is doing or may do. Of course we refer to the Pittsburgh *Commercial*. Its mission is the defeat of the new Constitution. The bugle blast of reform no longer cheers its readers. On the contrary, it treats them to misrepresentation of the Convention and the delegates, and indulges in regular "rooster" and "pinch-er" flings and insinuations at men earnestly working—no matter what may be their success—for the cure of admitted great evils afflicting the State. The *Commercial* thinks the delegates "dreamers and vagarists"—not practical statesmen, like the choice spirits who annually gather in Harrisburg. "Their work," it declares, "is that of tinkers," "silly and ridiculous," and not the polished and complete product of the lobby. "No people with a gleam of intelligence will approve such an instrument," it boldly predicts, when all that the Convention has yet done is to fix a unform day for State and National elections in the Fall, and for municipal elections in the Spring, in obedience to an almost universal public sentiment.

As we stated, at the outset, we propose to judge the Convention by its work after it shall have been completed and submitted to the people. All that we ask is fair play. But, in the meantime, we shall regard it as an imperative duty to expose the tactics of the politicians and office-holders, animated by the most selfish motives, who have determined in advance on the defeat of the new Constitution, because it will interfere with certain prerogatives of theirs which have grown up as a sort of fungus in our political system.

PREPARE IN TIME.

The spring, or county elections, while not immediately near, are beginning to attract the attention of two classes of persons,—those who want office, and those who manipulate nominations with a view to the general control of political power. There are indications that the latter class will scan the field with unusual care, as they have several points to make, and will need to be in position to dictate, with absolute certainty, the course of the party during the next year. Nearly all of those who are regarded as *proteges* of the powers that be are safely ensconced in profitable offices, and there will be great need for care, in order to secure from outside the circle an element sufficiently malleable for every purpose. Yet in the coming effort to defeat the amended constitution desperate work may be required. Hence movements are already being made that look to the absolute control of the county conventions, in the interest of pre-arranged candidates.

We have always contended that if the people will, at an early date, select their best men for delegates to the several conventions,—men that can neither be bam boozled nor bought, there will be an end to corrupt nominations. It is nearly impossible for the people of a large county to agree in advance who shall be their candidates for office, and hence the difficulty of sending instructed delegates to conventions. A clique can do this. They have only to get together, agree on their candidates, and send instructions to the workers in the several wards and townships in whose interest delegates are to be elected, and, often who the delegates shall be, and their ends are subserved. It may seem to many, that the only way to fight a clique, is by organizing a counter-clique. This is not necessarily the case, and it involves the very danger that is sought to be remedied,—political domination by the few, and consequent corruption. The more available and certain method is that of sending only the best men in the party as delegates to the several conventions.

Very generally the merits of the several candidates are pretty thoroughly discussed for several weeks before the conventions meet. This will afford intelligent delegates an opportunity of forming a fair opinion as to their duty, and enable them to make a proper choice. We do not say that the anti-clique candidates will always prove the best—the probabilities are they will not; but we will secure precisely what the people desire—the best men—all things considered, without reference to combinations. Some of these may have been indicated by the few in council, others may have been opposed by them; but if good men are now selected, there is one thing the people may be assured of—they will not belong to the inner circle of the dominant clique, as its crowd are now supplied with an office or two apiece, all round. Hence we may expect commendable care in their administration of official trusts.

The great need of the time is that the people shall take part in our primary meetings. The entire evil of our political system centres at that point. There are those who make it a business to look after the primaries, for they know them to be the very fountain of political power. The primaries controlled, and the conventions are easily managed. These having done their appointed work, and the whole machinery of a party can be brought to bear to compel the refractory to vote for the candidates nominated. It is in view of these facts, and because of the very unusual importance that attaches to the next election that we urge every Republican to take a part in the primary meetings. Let the candidates be the choice of the whole party, and there can be no difficulty as to the result.

THE EASTERN EXPEDITION.

Russia is ostensibly pursuing its accustomed course with the weak nations which unfortunately have come under its condemnation. Its present raid against the Khan of Khiva, for real or supposed grievances, the world is not interested enough to imagine which, will doubtless result primarily, as other similar enterprises have done, viz., in the absorption of another slice of Asiatic territory. England has put forth a feeble effort to prevent infringement of certain treaty rights between the two nations and the people of Afghanistan. To this Russia replied, without giving the real object of the enterprise against the Khan, that the territory of Afghanistan should not be invaded, nor its rights and liberties interfered with. No further attempt has been made by any power to stay the march of the Russian army eastward, and in fact so little is known of the objects of the Czar in that distant and unknown land, that England and the other powers are for the nonce entirely outwitted and helpless. Russia certainly has some object in view that is not apparent, and this very secrecy is what disturbs the equanimity of Europe. The extension of her interior lines and armies toward the English possessions in India is what disturbs the latter power, as she has hitherto enjoyed the sole right among civilized nations of dictating the policy and, reaping the rewards of trade and commerce with the native population of the Indian Empire. If Russia were thought to be merely equipping an expedition to punish the insolence of the overbearing and turbulent Khan of Khiva, similar in its nature and intent to that one sent a few years ago by England to Abyssinia, what occasion would there be for interference or question as to its purpose by the latter or any other power? Jealousy of her rights and dominion over the east, and a fear that the Russian bear is drawing a little too close to her Indian mine of wealth, are the true secrets of her recent inquiries, and her weak attempt to thwart or detain the Czar by a pronounced desire to protect the neutral Territory of Afghanistan. Russia is bent on conquest, and should she succeed, her influence over all the eastern nations will be commanding, and hinder, if it will not wholly defeat, the future purposes of England, in that direction. Holding the interior line to the British possessions in the east, she will be enabled to inflict untold disaster on England in case of war with that Power. It was this fear that prompted the British Cabinet to ask Alexander what he sought in the East; and it was doubtless to hide his real intentions that induced the latter sovereign to disown any designs on Afghanistan. The establishment of an imaginary line, or neutral zone, beyond which the army of the Czar is not to go, does not help the cause of England, as all zones, all treaties and all promises made between nations in time of peace, go for naught in time of war, as England and all nations have found long ago.

Of course the ways of the wily Alexander are past finding out in advance, but the surface indications, so to speak, assuredly lead one to attach greater importance to his present enterprise than as an effort to punish the insolence of the puny and insignificant Khivan Khan. Otherwise, why does the English premier find reason to interfere with the military preparations of the Czar? The expedition will be watched with anxious eyes by the whole world, as it may turn out a move which will yet checkmate the future game of England for leading control in the Eastern Empires.

The New York *Times*, in discussing this question, is of the opinion, that besides conquest, the Czar is looking toward an outlet to the ocean through the Arabian or Indian seas. It says:

"The political and geographical necessities of Russia mean one and the same thing. Trace the long line of her southern frontier, and you have a key to the past, present, and future problems of Russian diplomacy. Denmark holds the entrance to the Baltic; Prussia debars her Muscovite neighbor from getting a port on the North Sea; Austria lies between her and the Adriatic, and she must conquer Turkey to command the Dardanelles, where a fort or two could at any time neutralize all the benefits of the few hundred miles of seaboard between the mouth of the Dnieper and the mouth of the Don. Then comes Asiatic Turkey, then the land-locked Caspian, with Persia on its southern shore, cutting off access to the Persian Gulf, and then, assuming the ultimate conquest of Turkestan, there are Afghanistan, and Beloochistan, interposing a solid wedge of territory between Russia and the southern ocean. From that point onward to the far-distant Pacific, half a continent lies between Russia and the southern seaboard of Asia. Nicholas tried Sebastopol; this wall of territorial adamant at its weakest point, in the Danubian Principalities, and found reason to repent his rashness. His son is driving the wedge of military possession in now as far as he dare, with the view of striking some day for Persia or Afghanistan, and so giving Russia a broad ocean outlet for the products which she at present carries by many tortuous and narrow channels to the markets of the world. It is difficult to see on what grounds the usually well-informed *Independence Belge* assumes that there is no necessary divergence between the interests of Great Britain and Russia in Central Asia. Keeping in view the fact that England might as well quit India at once, as allow Russia to command the coast of the Arabian Sea, it is very hard to see how they can avoid drifting into war about Persia or Afghanistan some day."

Our latest dispatches give a more serious aspect to this subject, and plainly hint, toward war, unless the Czar shall abandon, or at least modify his plans. Differences are increasing between England and Russia as the possible designs of the latter reveal themselves; and it is stated that England's position will be sustained by France, Austria, Italy, Denmark, Turkey, and Sweden. This will prove a formidable alliance, and in case Prussia remains neutral will doubtless frustrate, for the present, all schemes of the Czar looking toward Empire in the East.

POMEROY.

The contest over the United States Senatorship in Kansas has ended in the election of John J. Ingalls, of Atchison, over Samuel C. Pomeroy, the present Senator, who has held the position through two terms. The dispatches announcing the ballot also state that Pomeroy was, immediately after his defeat, arrested on a charge of bribery, and gave bail in the sum of $5,000 for his appearance. The specification of this charge is that he proposed and gave to State Senator York the sum of $8,000 for his vote and influence, the latter receiving part of the money—viz: $7,000—and afterwards exposing the transaction in joint session of the Legislature, where he admitted the part he had designedly and advisedly taken as a portion of the programme of Pomeroy's opponents. He paid over the entire amount to the President of the joint convention, saying: "Here are the $7,000 paid to me by Pomeroy." Of course in the face of such evidence of knavery, he would have been a bold man who would cast a vote for Pomeroy. Although on the night previous eighty members of the Legislature had agreed in caucus to support him, he did not receive a single vote in the joint convention, and Ingalls, as above stated, had an easy walk over the course.

The first thought that occurs to one on reading this terrible lesson of depravity, is, can it be true? The heart would naturally wish to disbelieve such crime as this, charged on one who, whatever his faults, for twelve years has manfully stood up in his place in the Senate of the United States, and courageously and ably represented a sovereign State. Nor is this all, Samuel C. Pomeroy has during that time been an avowed Christian; after officiating in the Bible classes and prayer meetings held in the metropolis. He has also been highly honored in his party with positions of trust and responsibility, requiring honesty of purpose, as well as great skill to properly discharge. Although the evidence makes a *prima facie* case of guilt, it is not conclusive, and judgment should be withheld until the accused shall be heard in his defence. He denies the whole story, his friends say, and is preparing a statement for publication. It may turn out that so desperate was the opposition of Senator York, and so hopeless were his efforts and those of his friends to compass Pomeroy's defeat, that this desperate game was determined on, hoping, through the deception to certainly defeat the enemy and elect their man. But even if this should prove true, which we hardly dare think possible, it would exhibit a case of moral depravity and devilish deceit at which the heart sickens.

There appears to be very slight grounds to hang a doubt on, and while we await a final decision, and withhold our judgment of guilt, we shall not cease to hope that time will prove the charges against Pomeroy untrue. If it does not, we shall reluctantly bid adieu to another of our idols, and set our heart firmer against a belief in the purity and honesty of mankind.

OIL AS A FUEL.

There is at least one use to which petroleum can be put, that will in a measure compensate the well-owners for the general loss to them, occasioned by the present exceedingly low price of oil. It has long since been demonstrated that for intense heat it is the best fuel that can be obtained, and furnace and mill men are advised by experts to adopt it at once instead of coal. The suggestion would be a good one, were it not for the fact that petroleum seldom remains at a fixed price for many days at a time. Should preparations to burn it be attempted by any considerable number of mill owners, the very fact of such preparation, before a single gallon of the fluctuating fluid could be so applied, would perhaps tend to largely advance the too excitable market and make oil as a fuel wholly impossible. There is, however, a good opportunity for well-owners, during the prevailing low prices to do without coal and use oil under their boilers. This is being done, we are told, in some cases. One man at Shamburg, who used forty dollars' worth of coal each day in pumping eighty barrels of oil, now does his work with ten barrels of oil as fuel, which at two dollars per barrel, the present price at the wells, is a saving of twenty dollars each day. He is also benefiting the oil market by consuming one-eighth of his own product. This plan could be adopted throughout the oil regions, where coal is high, and it would thus have a two-fold effect. But for the reasons named, and others that could be given, one of which is its supposed danger, there is not much probability of oil as a fuel coming into general use by manufacturers. If the production could be regulated or directed as the mining of coal is, and the price of oil, like that of coal, remain at or near a stationary value for any period, it is indeed might there be some probability of its coming into use as a fuel. But when we see the price one day two dollars a barrel, the next day three, and advancing an additional dollar or half dollar with each additional day, as has been the case more than once, we imagine large consumers of fuel will hesitate before attempting to base any calculations on its use as a fuel. Gentlemen, stop drilling new wells, and your oil will soon become too valuable to be burned in any way except in lamps, and will command a fair market price.

HARRISBURG.

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THE LUZERNE CONTESTED SEATS.

The four House Committees on the Luzerne contested election cases met in joint session this morning, and it is probable the investigation will be conducted in this shape: Mr. Mitchell, of Tioga, was made Chairman of the Consolidated Committee. Lewis W. Hall, Esq., represented the contestants, and Mr. Orvis, of the House, and Mr. Collins, of the Senate, the sitting members. The question of time in which the latter should put in their answer was discussed, and it was decided to give them until three o'clock P. M., on Tuesday, the 4th of February.

RUNNING BANK ACCOUNTS.

The Senate Judiciary Committee reported favorably this morning, on a bill submitted by a number of prominent Pittsburgh manufacturers to authorize mining and manufacturing companies to give and banks to hold mortgages, notes, etc. The object of the bill is to afford relief from a recent decision of the Supreme Court of the State that no banking institution can hold mortgages as collateral security for notes or bills discounted, in a running bank account. The decision was rendered in a case in which a National bank was a party, but it is held to apply equally to banks operating under State laws. The proposed law makes it lawful for mining and manufacturing corporations to execute, and all banks to take and hold such mortgages on real estate to secure the payment of notes or other negotiable paper made by said companies, as the banks shall from time to time discount. The law will relieve the manufacturing and mining companies operating under general or special laws, from great embarrassments, in the transaction of their current business. Its passage is not doubted. C. W. Batchelor, Esq., is here urging the bill before the committees of the two houses.

A CENTENNIAL APPROPRIATION ASKED.

A strong delegation of Philadelphians is here, comprising members of the Executive Committee of the Centennial Exposition, of the City Council, and prominent citizens, headed by Hon. D. J. Morrell and Eli K. Price, to solicit financial aid from the State on behalf of the Centennial celebration. They ask the modest sum of one million of dollars, as a clear gift, to be paid over to the Centennial celebrants in sums of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in four annual installments, commencing in 1873 and ending in 1876. Philadelphia, in its municipal capacity, and outside of private subscription, proposes to supplement the State appropriation by a million and a half of dollars. These sums are to be applied to the construction of exposition buildings, some of which will be temporary, but will also include a permanent building for the deposit for all time to come of revolutionary relics. I believe this is the outline of the scheme. There are no indications as to what will be its success, but as the promoters are "eminently respectable" and a good fourth of July oration can be got off on behalf of State liberality, an appropriation will probably be made, although it may not reach a million of dollars. I judge the meeting of the two bodies is to be held informally this evening, for the purpose of hearing the Philadelphians in advocacy of their claims on the State Treasury. They waited on Gov. Hartranft this morning, soliciting his influence.

THE PETROLEUM INTEREST.

Senator Delamater, of the Crawford district, has succeeded in getting through the Senate a bill of considerable interest to the petroleum and refining interest. It extends the provisions of the general law of 1863, (printed in the session laws of 1864,) for the formation of corporations for mechanical, manufacturing, mining and quarrying purposes, so that it shall "include the business of storing, refining, transporting, piping and dealing generally in petroleum, and such corporations may be formed to operate in any or all these departments, as shall be indicated in their respective articles of association."

The general law of 1863, and its numerous supplements, is very liberal in its provisions for the formation of associations for all mechanical and manufacturing purposes, except that of distilling or manufacturing liquor. The associations may be formed by any number of persons, after due public notice and articles of incorporation obtained from the Auditor General's office. The extent to which members are individually liable, is fully set forth in the general law, to which Senator Delamater's bill is supplementary. As stated, the bill has passed the Senate, and is now in committee of the House. Its passage will do much to stimulate associations for the conduct of the petroleum business in its various branches. Those who desire to become acquainted with the provisions of the general law will find it on page 233, and subsequent pages of the session laws of 1864.

HARRISBURG, January 29, 1872.

THE CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION—AFTER A MILLION.

Last evening there was a joint meeting of the Senate and Assembly to hear the representatives of the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition in advocacy of State aid to that enterprise. It is now represented to be in a languishing condition, and unless the Commonwealth comes to the rescue, and infuses new life by liberal appropriations, it is admitted that the proposed grand International commemoration of 1876 will be a stat failure. The Centennial Committee have been working hard, and they have put their ingenuity and resources in an endeavor to secure subscriptions throughout the Union, but very little success has attended their labors in that respect, outside of Philadelphia. That only has contributed good for three-fourths the amount of the stock, nearly the amount of the ten millions allotted to Pennsylvania. Congress required that the stock should be equally apportioned among the several States, according to population, in comprehension that it might be "gobbled up" by a few localities. The precaution was needless. Capital is not prone to seek sentimental investments, however patriotic and sentimental the sentiment that prompts it to put out its money. Philadelphia's exceptional subscriptions are not to be wondered at, for an International Exposition in that city, with its attendant crowds and increased business, must benefit the whole State, and more particularly the city and State was strongly commended on. It was claimed that the State aid would be a good investment, because the deposition would largely increase the taxable values. Then the effect of the jubilee in renewing and intensifying American nationality was eloquently discussed by the venerable Eli K. Price, of Philadelphia, who was followed by Walter W. Wood, of Virginia, who led his brigade gallantly on the other side, at the bloody trial by battle of Gettysburg. The flourishing condition of the State finances was urged as a reason why the million should be asked for. It would not even swallow up the excess over expenditures in the State Treasury.

Such, in brief, are the reasons, presented by the Centennial Commissioners, why they make a call on the State for a million of dollars in four annual installments of $250,000. They propose to apply this sum, with a half million that Philadelphia promises in its municipal capacity, to the construction of the main building and Art Gallery, Fairmount Park, for the exposition, including a permanent depository, to last for all time, for the reception of the revolutionary and other historical memorances and relics. But, even after the eloquent appeals of last night, I do not see that the proposition for State aid to the extent of a million, has any great amount of strength in the Legislature outside of the Philadelphia members. Still there is a question of State pride involved in this matter, and we would all feel it to be a disgrace should the contemplated celebration fall through. This sentiment may carry the appropriation, aided as it will be by a skillful application of outside pressure. At present, however, it has not the necessary strength.

The Philadelphia Committee last night entertained their friends at the Lochiel, with a champagne supper, the liquids and solids both having been bought with money from home, and spread out in the parlors of the hotel. The story is that the feast was made up by contributions from liquor merchants and scraps from the hotels.

WHISKY IN THE CLOAK ROOM.

Something of a breeze was created in the House this morning, by a resolution introduced by Mr. Myer, of Bradford, directing the Sergeant-at-Arms to see that no spirituous, vinous or malt liquors shall be kept or drank in the hall of the House, or any rooms connected therewith. Mr. Myer, in explanation, said he did not wish to trespass on the rights of any member to use such liquors as he deemed proper, and there were plenty of places in Harrisburg outside the capitol where they could be obtained, but he thought it was about time, from information he had received, that they should be banished from the capitol building.

Mr. Mahon, of Franklin, explained that the liquor kept in the cloak room, immediately to the right of the Speaker's chair, had come into the possession of the page boys of the House, some of whom had got intoxicated by its use. He urged that the temptation should be kept away from the pages. There were forty or fifty places in Harrisburg where members could obtain what they wanted to drink without bringing it into the hall, and tempting young boys to their destruction.

Mr. Wolfe, of Union county, made quite an earnest speech about the desecration of the hall by bringing liquor into it.

Mr. Handy Smith, of Philadelphia, moved to commit the resolution to the Committee on Vice and Immorality. Lost—ayes 3, nays 91. Mr. Smith seemed to think it absurd so much noise should be made about such a small matter.

Mr. Penrikin moved as an amendment that spirituous liquors shall not be indulged in, in any part of the capitol building.

The Speaker plead want of jurisdiction, and ruled the amendment out of order.

Mr. Rowaway moved an amendment "that no professional lobbyist not a member of the Legislature, shall be allowed on the floor of the House." Also ruled out of order.

The original resolution was adopted with only three negative votes—Messrs. Josephs, Porter and Smith, all of Philadelphia. Then a resolution was passed directing the Sergeant-at-Arms to remove all bottles, save those containing ink, from the cloak room. Sam Josephs neat came in with a resolution for a special committee of five

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POSTMASTER GENERAL CRESWELL estimates the saving to his department through the repeal of the franking privilege at $3,500,000. This will come through a diminished number of clerks and cheaper contracts for carrying the mails.

THE District Attorney in New York, who recently conducted the prosecution in the Tweed case, has come into possession of information that five members of the jury that tried the case were tampered with. He intends to investigate the matter further and prosecute the guilty parties. The lawas it stands at present leaves him almost powerless to prevent the packing of a bribed jury.

A BERLIN newspaper intimates that possibly the German Government will encourage the Czar in his expedition toward Central Asia. Should this turn out to be so, England, it is thought, will be powerless to interfere with the enterprise. Certainly the moral support of Prussia would prove of great assistance to Alexander, and tend greatly to influence the future movements of other powers. Russia is said to be only waiting some fatally erronious move on the part of England, in order that she may then proclaim the real designs of the war against the Khan. The situation grows interesting, since portions of the German press have boldly expressed a willingness to support Russia in the event of war with England. The fact is significant in more ways than one.

THE slight increase of the public debt during the month of January, has drawn forth the bitterness of wrath from many of our cotemporaries. Their reasonings in the face of the explanation furnished are not only illogical, but unwise and foolish. They never awarded proper credit to the administration when by millions on millions the public debt was being reduced, but now, in a business exigency, when honor as a nation compelled the settlement of a debt, and consequently involved the nation considerably, our contemporaries of the opposite side send up a shout of apparent indignation against the increase of the national debt. Consistency is a jewel, but it is not worn by Democratic editors.

THE law adopted at the last session of the Legislature, forbidding the change in text books within three years, is imperfect, and ought to be overhauled. It provides that no change shall take place in a text book for three years after the same shall have been adopted in the common schools; but leaves the field open for a scramble each year over some one of the books which has been in use that length of time. It should forbid any change in any of the present text books in use, for three years, as was intended by its framers. By this means no change could take place in any book for the three ensuing years. As it is now the scramble can go on each year over some one or more books, and the evil sought to be remedied—the frequent changes—remains as much as ever. Will some of our members please take notice? In the interest of the poor, upon whom the evil falls with sad weight, the full remedy ought to be applied.

THEY are proposing to amend the charter of St. Louis, and one of the new clauses provides for the election of one-half the members of the City Council at large. It is held that proper attention to the city's best interests is withheld, in consequence of each member feeling especially called upon to look out for the interests of his own district. The members to be elected at large, it is thought, having no especial axes to grind, will be enabled to give more and better attention to the wants of the whole city. The idea is a new one; but we cannot see any great force in it, provided all the members properly comply with their oaths. The mere presentation of ordinances for street paving, gas lighting, sewerage, etc., ought not, and we think does not, interfere with the more important duties relating to the finance, policy, engineering, fire, and other departments of the city. The new plan is also open to the objection that the politics of the city, as a whole, would rule in the selection of members at large, while the present system furnishes some members from both parties, owing to some wards being Democratic and some Republican.

THE visit of General Negley to the President, accompanied by the Representatives of Idaho and Montana, in reference to affairs in Utah, is looked upon as important, and has given rise to much speculation on its probable result. The views of President Grant with reference to the Mormon problem have not been withheld, and are well known to the public. He has always maintained that sooner or later the power of the Latter Day Saints would be brought into conflict with the United States authority, and that the former would be compelled to yield. He affirmed this belief in the recent interview by stating that "the final issue with Utah cannot be avoided." The President, abhorring the system which has grown up in that territory and been permitted to strengthen largely with its growth, foresees that ere long the struggle must come, and he would be prepared in time for attacking it vigorously. The recent large additions to the population of Utah, attracted there from all parts of the Union by the rich mineral deposits, may in time be sufficiently strong to outvote the Mormons, and thus peacefully solve the problem. But the probabilities are greater that Brigham Young will not let go his sceptre of power without a struggle, which will demand the interference of the military power of the nation. Perhaps, the sooner this struggle comes the better.

THE various propositions pending at Harrisburg to vote away the people's money in aid of sundry enterprises, will, we trust, be carefully weighed in the balance of resources and expenses first; and second, in that of justice, before they, or any of them, are finally adopted. It is pretty well ascertained that a bill will be passed lopping off portions of the revenue at this session, and, this being done, it will be necessary to make a careful estimate of results before additional expenses or outlays are ordered. Next in importance to this inquiry will be to ascertain if the proposed donations are the most fitting ones that can be made, and if there are not other charitable institutions in the State needing assistance at present. Philadelphians are not proverbially modest, and they frequently ask for things which it would not be right to give them. They have a way of "patting things" which is taking to the average legislative mind, without reflection, their demands upon public purse are apt to be favorably acted on. But Philadelphia is not Pennsylvania by any means, if it does hold the bulk of the State's brass (and gold, too, possibly); and in giving heed to its suggestions of the eminent propriety of building up the city of Quakers, and rejuvenating its languishing institutions, it would be well to bear in mind that the city of iron, and the cities of oil, and sundry other places, have also an existence, and a place where surplus revenues might be safely and wisely left. We are more modest out this way than our brethren of the City of Brotherly Love, and whilst not wishing to impoverish them, nor withhold a jot or tittle that is their just due, we humbly ask that they limit their demands upon the funds of the State, to an amount something less than the "unexpended balance," as otherwise the office of State Treasurer might become vacant because profitless. Gentlemen, members of the General Assembly, pause, we beg of you. Let not Philadelphia bring upon us this calamity.

AMERICANS are proverbial for their use of tobacco, in some form or other. At the age of seventeen and afterwards, the males of this country almost uniformly indulge in the use of the weed, either gloriously flourishing a long nine or a fragrant Havana between their fingers, or become addicted to the more deleterious habit of chewing "fine cut" or "pig tail." We do not see that frequent lectures from *pater familias*, or from the old fogy professors, have much reformatory effect upon the youth, and so the habit is allowed to grow and fasten itself upon them until it becomes almost as much a necessity as their food or exercise. Doctors differ as to the effects of tobacco on the physical constitution, some holding that it impairs health, vitiates appetite, and leads to early death; while others, equally eminent, entertain opposite convictions. This being so, we suppose the use of tobacco will not diminish, but the habit has no right to impose its disagreeable influences on the mass of people who frequent public places. It is very unpleasant for one who is not addicted to the use of tobacco to be compelled to live in a murky atmosphere of disgusting cigar smoke which one sometimes finds in the railway cars, hotel saloons and reading rooms, as well as upon the streets. Smokers should not inflict this sickening perfume on those whose organisms will not stand it, and should have a decent respect for the stomachs and lungs of anti-tobacco advocates. The ladies are perhaps the greatest sufferers from this habit, and their rights to the streets and to a pure atmosphere are certainly worth looking after. We have frequently seen members of this suffering class cross the street in order to get away from the terrible fumes of some ancient pipe, black and strong from age, and in their name we protest against the practice. If men and boys must smoke, let them not destroy the pleasure of those around them, who have a right to free air, unpolluted with the sickening perfumes of tobacco. The habit of smoking on the streets is a selfish one, an outrage on the finer sensibilities of the weaker sex, and ought to be prevented if possible.

THE LAW REGULATING THE RATE OF INTEREST.

To the Editors of the Pittsburgh Gazette:

In the financial column of the GAZETTE, it is often alleged that it would be as absurd to fix by law the prices of real or personal property as the rate of interest; that money is but an article of merchandize and its market value is to be determined by the law of supply and demand. In this view I cannot concur. Gold and silver are marketable commodities, but gold and silver *coins* are a very different thing. They have been made by Government the *medium* by which all exchanges are made. A. has lumber and wants to exchange it for iron. B. has brick and wants the lumber. C. desires the brick, but has no iron to exchange for it. The necessities of society then demand a medium by which all these exchanges can be readily made. Money, therefore, is not a market commodity, but an instrument by which marketable commodities are exchanged and debts are paid. It is created by Government for this sole purpose, and no citizen has any right to use it for any other object, or to destroy it, or to counterfeit it.

If we follow out in our thoughts why debts are paid in coin and not in a marketable commodity, it will be seen that facility of exchanges is the base of borrowing money and repaying it, or liquidating a debt.

Money, then, is not merely an individual property. The whole community has an interest in it. If individuals, as do the Wall street operators oftentimes, collect it, and withhold it from its purposed use, it is a crime against society, for such acts interrupt the exchanges of society.

Again, as the industrial pursuits of society require the contraction of debts by which the net gains of one individual, who can no longer engage in active labor, may aid another person who has vigor and skill, but not the requisite capital, banks and other loaning institutions become necessary. They become money centers. But this fact does not invest them with any more power over the money of the community than was possessed by an individual. To withhold their money for speculation is a crime; to observe caution, especially when either the individual borrower or the community generally, are making injudicious investments, so that the banks themselves, their depositors, the borrower and the community may not be plunged in ruin, is the right and the duty of banks.

From many causes, well laid plans of industrial enterprises often encounter difficulties, or the energies of the community, like ambition, overleap themselves, and money, to meet debts, becomes in the greatest demand, whilst marketable commodities find no sale from which the money to pay debts was expected to be realized. Human nature, especially bank nature, cannot withstand the temptation to grow rich from this temporary check in business. Money lenders can add greatly to the stringency by withholding either new loans, or extending old ones. The rate of interest, like Northwest Common, quickly advances, and hoping for speedy relief, Antonio gives his bond to Shylock.

This is the reason why Government, in so many ways, guards the money it has created for all, against the acts of individuals, and especially by a limitation of the rate of interest. What that rate should be is a question of policy; a rate too low leads to a violation of the law, both by the lender and the borrower. It should be a just remuneration for the use of money, not its *risks*, for that is a wide-open door to wrong; not for any particular time or circumstances, but what a legitimate business generally may indulge in as a rate. The money lender is entitled to share in the prosperity of the community; he has no right morally, he should have none legally, to grow rich upon its misfortunes.

L. B.

USURY.

To the Editors of the Pittsburgh Gazette:

Your article in Saturday's paper, on the Usury Laws appears to be a little mixed up. You say there was a period in the history of the world when the people asked for protection from the merciless extortion practiced by the money lenders, but that time has surely gone by forever.

Now, I would wish it had gone by, but I think the inkling for high rates of interest have reached three-fold. The national banks, emanating from the highest authority of the nation, are furnished with a circulating currency, for which the Government pays them six per cent., by way of a compliment to have them take it, then by way of another compliment to the people, the money lenders loan it at from ten to fifteen per cent., making a gain of 15 or 20 per cent.; with this they are not satisfied they want the last pound of flesh. If this can be done in the face of the legal interest laws, why should the Legislature meddle with it at all? The law was enacted to answer some good purpose, so let it remain for the benefit of the money lenders. You say if the borrowers don't pay at the end of the time, the lenders can resort to the law for protection, and receive six per cent. for the over time. Certainly this is very cheering to the money lender. And again you ask, "what are the laws limiting the rate of interest for?" I think I can tell you. They were enacted to protect the poor man; but it does appear that the lender take advantage of it also, when he goes to law to collect a claim.

Again you say the Legislature might as well leave the limit at six per cent., as for any practical effect it can have on the people. This is very correct view of the whole matter, and I will not try to change this last conclusion. Likewise, you say money in spite of all law, will continue to bring just what it is worth, and that value will admit of no restriction, &c. Now in view of this idea, I would suggest for those who favor a high rate of interest, that this Legislature pass a law making the rate of interest free, for those who loan on *single name paper*; this would place the parties on an equal footing, "dog eat dog."

When well meaning people offer paper well secured, either by money or collaterals, they ought to receive a loan at a less rate of interest, to be fixed by the same law. In business circles merchants are rated No. 1, 2, 3 and A No. 1. So it ought to be with money lenders, and charge rates of interest accordingly.

AN OLD MERCHANT.

McKEESPORT, PA.

Rapid Growth of the Town—The Buildings Erected Last Year—Improvements Everywhere—New Enterprises Under Way—A Few Words About the Bridge—Growth and Enterprise of McKeesport.

To the Editors of the Pittsburgh Gazette:

The rapid growth, improvement and real prosperity of our town is the subject of much gratification to all those who have the advancement and welfare of the place at heart. During the past two years a new and commendable spirit has taken possession of our citizens: instead of the do-nothing, stand still, and dormant existence which characterized the people and predominated here during the decade preceding the year 1871, a new life seems to have been awakened and the spirit of progress is all but universal. During the year 1871, between fifty and sixty dwelling houses were built, and during the year just closed over one hundred good and substantial homesteads were erected at an average cost including lot of twenty-five hundred dollars, making in the aggregate an investment of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars; a pretty good exhibit for a town of thirty-five hundred inhabitants, especially when it is taken into consideration that ninety-five per cent. of the outlay has been made by mechanics and laborers. This gratifying state of affairs is attributable more particularly to the admirable manner in which the affairs of the McKeesport Mutual Building and Loan Association have been managed since it has been in operation, something over two years. During the last year the manufacturing interest of the place was considerably augmented by the erection of the new forge and other additions made to the extensive rolling mill of the Messrs. W. D. Wood & Co., which gave employment to about seventy five or eighty more men than formerly.

The erection of the National Tube Works in our midst is another cause of gratification, giving, as it does, employment to from three hundred and fifty to four hundred hands. Considering the above enumeration you will readily see that we have a tolerable good reason for feeling somewhat elated at the evident prosperity of our town.

At the same ratio with which our manufactures, commerce and trade increase, so also does our wants multiply, so as to accommodate it. In the days gone-by when we were satisfied to lay as it were in a "Rip Van Winkle" state, our wants were few and simple, and easily supplied, but now since we have started in the race of progress it is different; we need a great many things not thought of in our former condition. Among other things which the new order of things has made necessary are the opening of new streets, widening and improving old avenues, the improving of the old and constructing of new wharves, the erection of gas and water works; some of these have been accomplished and the others will follow. In addition to the Building and Loan Association mentioned above, and in consequence of the great success attending its operations, another one has just been commenced. A charter has been applied for, officers have been elected and the initiation fee paid in. Its title is the Enterprise Building and Loan Association of McKeesport. The officers are all men of sterling integrity and business talent of the highest order.

We have also a banking institution in the town, doing a safe and prosperous business, under the name and style of the Commercial Bank of McKeesport. And now we are about to establish an insurance company in the borough.

BRIDGE ACROSS THE YOUGHIOGHENY.

Of all the improvements accomplished or in contemplation there is not one of more importance or of more pressing necessity than the contemplated bridge across the Youghiogheny River at this point. The rapid growth and expansion of the town imperatively demand other facilities than a ferry boat at this point as a means of crossing the river. The large and growing business between the town and the adjacent country beyond the "Yough," in a measure forces our people to provide other than the present unreliable and slow mode of transit, and for that purpose the Legislature was asked to grant a charter to build a bridge to span the river. A charter was granted, encumbered, however, (at the instance of a few interested parties) with provisions and restrictions which practically nullified the project for which it was granted, and the consequence is, a bitter and vindictive feeling is engendered against those who have been instrumental in retarding this much needed improvement. The people of McKeesport, or at least nine-tenths of them, look at the opposition to their bridge as a piece of spite work, in view of the fact well known to them, that the Connellsville Railroad Company has a charter in their possession granting them the privilege of building a bridge across the Youghiogheny river at or near McKeesport, as it would suit their convenience, with the only provision that it should be at the height of 40 feet above low water mark; there is nothing said where the piers should be located, or at what distance from one another. Then why, we ask, should we be compelled to raise our structure 20 feet higher than the railroad bridge, which is likely at an early day to be erected within a hundred yards of ours. If there were any real necessity that the bridge should be placed at that elevation so as not to obstruct navigation, then we would have no room to complain; we would cheerfully comply with any real or reasonable provision imposed rather than place any impediment to the free navigation of the river. The cry of the opponents of the bridge that it would be too low at forty feet has no foundation, in fact; their fears are more imaginary than real. How is it that we are discriminated against in this manner? Are the rights of the people not as sacred in the sight of our legislators as those of corporations? The manner they are treating us in connection with this bridge affair is leading us to think that they have more than one mode of legislation on questions of identical character. Another instance to show the different treatment which the people get and that which wealthy corporators receive at the hands of our representatives; some two or three years ago, when one of our coal merchant princes was a representative at Harrisburg, and also director in the Pittsburgh, Charleston and Virginia Railroad, he procured an open charter granting the privilege to the company above mentioned, to build a bridge or bridges when, where and how it suited them, across the Monongahela and its tributaries, without any restrictions as to height of piers, or their location in any of the streams named in the bill. Now when we consider the liberality extended to railroad companies in these matters the burdensome conditions imposed upon us are wanton and monstrously oppressive. This bridge has become a real necessity in order to accommodate the wants of our people. Our wealthy men are few in number, and those of them that are disposed to invest their surplus money in enterprises are still less; but there are sufficient of them who would undertake the project if they are allowed to build it at a cost which would insure to them a reasonable per centage on the capital invested; otherwise they will have nothing to do with the project at all. So, Messrs. Legislators, if you have any regard for the wishes of the people of McKeesport in this matter you will amend your bill so as to enable the bridge to be erected. Depend upon it, if you will defer to the wishes of the friends of the bridge, you will, by so doing, (any representation to the contrary notwithstanding) be subserving both the interests and the wishes of nineteen-twentieths of the citizens of McKeesport, who are so deeply and anxiously concerned for the success of the bridge project. PHIL.

UP THE RIVER.

Changes Wrought by Railroads—Clustering Towns Along the Allegheny—A Trip Up the Allegheny—The Town of Emlenton—Its Prosperity—Church Dedication—Notes of Progress—A Word for the "Allegheny Valley."

To the Editors of the Pittsburgh Gazette:

Railroads work marvellous transformations. There was a day when it was supposed that, in order to success, a railroad must pass through a densely populated region, in addition to having large cities or towns as initial and terminal points. It was not then known that railroads are gatherers of population—that men flock to the line of a great thoroughfare as grass and flowers gather on the banks of a river.

Illustrations of this fact can be seen today in almost any section of the country. Less than twenty years ago the possibility of sustaining a railroad along the Allegheny river was an unsolved problem. A few affirmed but the many doubted. The population was sparse, and the near proximity of the hills to the river seemed to render impossible the aggregation of large communities along the route. Facts, however, often upset theories. The construction of the road, affording, as it did, facilities for trade and travel, soon drew population, and towns are springing up as if by magic. Hillsides are supplementing the deficiency of level surface, and towns are seen in almost every curve of the river, growing constantly from the margin of the stream to the summit of the hill. It is hardly a figure of speech to say that the occupants of one tier can look down through the chimneys into the kitchens of the next lower, or, by looking up through their own chimneys, can see the cows coming home over the crest's of the neighboring hills. The fact is made patent to every man who travels along the line of the Allegheny Valley Railroad, and the impression deepens each succeeding day, that the population is growing, and the future of the Allegheny Valley Railroad an assured success. One of the notable instances of the change wrought is seen at Emlenton, which from a few houses, a stopping place for years, of the occasional steamer, which, in times of high water, ascended the swollen river, or of the raftsmen, as they took advantage of the flood to descend, is rapidly growing into a good sized town. Large storerooms indicate the growth of trade, and comfortable, and even costly residences the thrift of the tradesmen. Among the more recent improvements is a new M. E. church, commenced in June last and completed last week. The opening services were commenced on Saturday evening last, and continued Sabbath morning and evening, in the presence of large congregations. The dedication sermon was preached by Rev. I. C. Pershing, D. D., President of the Pittsburgh Female College, and the Saturday and Sabbath morning sermons by Rev. A. N. Craft, of Fredonia, New York. The different sermons were entered into with great zest and heartily enjoyed by the thronged audiences. The church edifice is fifty-six feet in length, by thirty-three feet in width, and two stories in heighth. The audience room is tastefully fitted up, well carpeted, and quite attractive. The windows are of stained glass. The cost was upwards of five thousand dollars, three thousand of which remained unpaid on the day of dedication. Grave doubts were entertained as to the possibility of providing for the liquidation of the debt, as the membership numbers only some forty, and is not financially strong. They had "a mind to work," and a heart to give, and their efforts were nobly seconded by the citizens. In answer to the appeal made, *a little upwards of five thousand dollars* was contributed, enough to meet all present liabilities, and to make such improvements as the Board of Trustees may deem advisable. Much of the credit is due to Rev. M. V. Troy, under whose pastorate the work was commenced, and to Rev. N. D. Fay, under whom the enterprise was carried to a successful issue. They were most nobly assisted by Messrs. James Bennett, Dr. John Hamilton, C. C. Middleton, Joseph Hamilton, J. H. Heasley, J. A. Boozel, J. M. Wick, W. Middleton, W. J. McCullough, Peter King and others. The people did themselves great honor by their noble liberality.

Under the able management of Colonel William Phillips, the President, and J. J. Lawrence, Esq., the General Manager, the Allegheny Valley Railroad is rapidly taking rank among the important and best managed roads in the country. The company now own and have in course of construction, in addition to the original line from Pittsburgh to Oil City: the "Oil Creek," from Oil City to Corry; the "Allegheny River," from Oil City to Irvington; the "Buffalo, Corry and Pittsburgh," from Corry to Brocton, and the "Bennett's Branch," from the mouth of the Redbank to Driftwood. To these are to be added the "Pine Creek Branch," ten miles this side of Pittsburgh, and the road from Brady's Bend to the coal and oil fields of Butler county. The road has done much to develop the resources of Western Pennsylvania, and enrich Pittsburgh, and in the hands of its clear-headed and far-seeing managers, promises much for the future.

EMLENTON.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

AMERICAN school girls in Rome are accused of flirting with handsome Cardinals.

SENATOR SUMNER says that we eat more oysters than all the rest of the world put together.

A WOMAN in Birmingham, England, was lately fined $200 for giving a good character to a bad servant.

A MAN in Kentucky has been married four times, each time having been married by the same minister, in the same house, to four sisters of the same family.

THE people of Switzerland have been overrun with mice of late. The champion catcher has bagged 11,381 of these little pests, for which he has been awarded $242.

THE St. Paul *Dispatch* reports that £50,000 has been left by Elizabeth Illingworth, of England, to William Illingworth, a St. Paul watchmaker, who recently died without knowing the fortune in store for him.

THERE is a bible nearly one hundred years old in the railroad depot at Salem, Mass. It is two feet square, and was the gift of an old gentleman who wished it be "placed where it would do the most good."

SAN FRANCISCO had twenty-six murders last year. Of the persons committing these crimes two were sent to the State Prison for life, four for a term of years, eight were acquitted, and the others are awaiting trial.

A MAN and a woman have died recently in North Falmouth, Massachusetts, from the result of vaccination. The former's arm began to swell in four hours from the time of vaccination; in twenty hours he became delirious, and within a week he died.

A LADY whose ample charms weigh upwards of 300 pounds, sued a man in Connecticut for breach of promise. The court, however, thought the case came within the meaning of the act for abating excessive attachments, and so charged the jury, who found for the defendant.

A SPICY scandal agitates the commercial circles of Portland, Me. Three of the most respectable merchants of that city have been detected in smuggling nutmegs and ardent spirits. The latter were taken out of bond in Boston, carried about on the sea awhile, then landed on Long Island, and thence conveyed to Portland.

THE receipts from Prof. Tyndall's lectures in this country are to be distributed as follows: The sum of $1,500 is to go the Young Men's Christian Association of Washington, $500 to the Yale Scientific Club, and $15,00 to a Committee as a trust fund for the education of one or two young men for the scientific career. The gift to Yale is to found a Tyndall prize in the Sheffield school.

IT is reported that 6,000 or 7,000 pounds of Australian gold, recently coined at the French mint, has been found so brittle that the pieces coined from this gold may readily be broken, and it is therefore found necessary to remelt them and toughen the metal. The brittleness is attributed to the presence of a small proportion of antimony and arsenic.

Two "highly respectable" young ladies in Richmond, Va., have been sent to jail for seven days for the offense of stealing from a hair-dresser's shop "a quantity of human hair"—ten dollars' worth, in fact. The frightful arrangements for the human head are present so much in fashion are unavoidable for the temptation to which these two highly respectable virgins succumbed.

ABOUT the checkiest operation on record has just been brought to light at Auburn, Maine, where two Lewiston girls have been camping for ten days in the house of a gentleman who is spending the winter in New York. They entered through a stable, and so skillfully obliterated their tracks that for more than a week they sat in purple and fine linen from the wardrobe, and cooked the finest tit-bits from the well filled larder without detection. The chance visit of a neighbor, however, who kept the key to the house, finally spoiled their little game.

A MYSTERIOUS disappearance of a whole family is reported from Madison, Wis. There lived there a prosperous farmer named Glady, and he is missing with his wife and two daughters. Neighbors, on going to the house, found the stock nearly starved, but of the family no trace was to be discovered. The fact that the farmer kept a sum of $1,500 in the house may have something to do with the matter; and so, for affords another instance of the folly which people commit who, living in isolated situations, keep considerable quantities of cash by them.

STATE NEWS.

READING has the small-pox badly.

IN consequence of the slackness of work upward of one hundred carpenters employed at the Reading Railroad car shops, were suspended on Saturday until the demand for new cars increases. It is hoped that the suspension, coming as it has in the head of winter, may be for only a short period.

ON Wednesday night a little two-year old son of Mr. Frederick Printz, residing in Reading, was strangled to death by a grain of coffee. A little daughter of Mr. Printz was grinding coffee, when the little fellow took a grain out of the mill, put it in his mouth and bit it in two. One of the pieces lodged in his windpipe, and all efforts to remove it proved unavailing, the child strangling in about fifteen minutes.

THE city of Reading is making rapid progress. It will shortly have two theatres; has three splendid market houses, half a dozen public halls, rows of wholesale houses, immense iron works, three daily papers, with half a dozen weeklies, splendid hotels, beautiful churches, uniformed police, and what not. All this is due to its enterprising people, who are not afraid to risk their money in enterprise.

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PERSONAL.

ACCORDING to evidence before the court, Mr. Greeley was insane before the death of his wife.

A NEGRO lawyer, Mr. John F. Charles, has been admitted to practice at Atlanta, Ga.—the first in that State.

GUSTAVE DORE has just finished his illustrations to Rabelais, on which he has been engaged several years.

THE Grand Master of Masons in Minnesota is the Rev. Charles Griswold, a Methodist Episcopal minister at Red Wing.

MRS. FITZHUE, of Virginia, who claims from Congress $350,000 for wood cut from her land during the war, is a cousin of Mrs. Grant.

SENATOR CAMERON has declined a dinner in Washington, and invites the members of the Pennsylvania Association, and their wives, to his home in Harrisburg, "where none of the restraints of a public banquet could intrude."

TWO years ago the daughter of S. P. Lusk, of Parke county, Ind., gave birth to triplets, all of whom lived and flourished. Since that time she has given birth to stillborn twins, and lately to triplets a second time, making eight children in two years.

WHILE the Empress Eugenie was in the height of her beauty and position some one addressed her as "the most enviable of mortals." The Empress answered. "Oh! yes, very happy; until one fine morning they will throw us out of the windows into the street."

MR. STEPHEN FERGUSON, of Rushville, Yates county, N. Y., reached his seventy-fifth birthday recently, and got together all the old people in his neighborhood to help him celebrate it. He mustered forty-one who had passed the age of three score years and ten.

MESSRS. R. H. HERRON, B. C. Blain, G. A. Chalfant, C. W. Robb, A. B. Young, R. J. Benson, Chas. Levan, Chas. Moore, A. M. Lester, S. E. Gill, A. R. Craig, Jno. T. Wilson, H. Morton, I. Hildebrand, from Pittsburgh, were registered at the Philadelphia Hotels on Monday.

MATILDA HINDMAN, in the Philadelphia *Press*, wants to know "who have the power to change the Constitution." This question is briefly answered in article iv., section 2, State Constitution: "The *people* have the right to alter, reform or abolish their government, as they think proper."

COL. WILLIAM PHILLIPS, of Pittsburgh, President of the Allegheny Valley Railroad; J. C. Short, President of the Paris and Danville Railroad, and F. E. Hinckley, President of the Chicago and Iowa Central Railroad, were at the St. Nicholas Hotel, New York, on Monday.

IT is related of the late Mr. Butler, of Providence, Rhode Island, that he was so obliging as to re-open his store one night solely to supply a little girl with a spool of thread which she wanted. The incident took wind, brought him a large run of custom, and he died a millionaire, after subscribing $40,000 toward founding a hospital for the insane.

WHEN Louis Napoleon had received refusals from four different courts in answer to offers for marriage, he broke a chair in a fit of passion, and said: "Now, these gentlemen, my cousins, shall have an Empress of my own making, and they shall honor her as such, as if she were the daughter of an Emperor!" The next day he proposed to Eugenie.

AN English exchange says: Miss Ellicott, daughter of the Lord Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, has met with a severe accident while hunting with the Berkeley hounds. She was accompanied by a groom, and when at Churchdown the groom cleared a fence and wide and nasty ditch. Miss Ellicott followed, her horse fell, the rider was thrown, and the horse ran and literally stood over the young lady, and then walked away. Miss Ellicott was stunned, and remained insensible for half an hour. She was removed to the palace in a cart, and is progressing favorably.

MR. OSSIAN E. DODGE, the vocalist, and more recently a citizen of St. Paul, Minn., has obtained a divorce from Mrs. Dodge. In a lawsuit about the custody the children, he makes this solemn statement on oath: "Ever since she was married she has kept a six-barreled loaded revolver in her possession, with which she has a great many times threatened to blow my brains out and to shoot me." He further deposed that Mrs. Fanny was in the habit of beating the son whose custody she now desires over the head "with a bathing-brush 20 inches long, and so severely as to break the handle of the brush." When this weapon was not at hand, the affectionate mother used the tongs. No wonder poor Dodge wanted a divorce.

OBITUARY.

Death of Commodore M. F. Maury.

Mathew Fountaine Maury, formerly commander in the United States Navy, died at Lexington, Va., at 1 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, February 1, 1873. He was born in Spottsylvania county, Virginia, in 1806, being in his sixty-seventh year at the time of his death. He began his naval career as a midshipman, in the United States service, on board the Brandywine, which was selected to convey the Marquis De Lafayette to France in 1825. From that vessel he was transferred to the war ship Vincennes, in which he made the circuit of the globe. On this cruise, which lasted four years, the young midshipman, scarcely in his twentieth year, began his "Treatise on Navigation," which was at once adopted as a textbook in the navy, and is still used, we believe, to this day. At thirty years of age he was appointed astronomer to the South Sea exploring expedition, but declined it. Having suffered an accident a few years afterward which unfitted him for sea service, he was appointed to take charge of the hydrographical office, afterward of the naval observatory in connection with it. Commodore Maury's great work, which placed him in the front rank of scientific men, and established his reputation throughout Europe, was his "Physical Geography of the Sea," a production which was the result of the observations of many years, and is at once brilliant, ingenious, original and profound. M. Rechas, one of the most illustrious scientists of France, at the present day, in his celebrated work "The Earth," pays a high tribute to the talents of Commodore Maury in his book. His published works on various other subjects, and the scientific research connected with his department are all noted for their originality and close observation, and attracted general attention. In 1855 he was promoted to the rank of commander. The value of his labors was recognized by gold medals from the king of Prussia and the Emperor of Austria, and he was made a member of membership in many of the leading scientific associations of Europe. On the breaking out of the rebellion, Maury joined the Confederates, and was appointed commodore in their navy. To him was chiefly entrusted the defense of the Southern coast and the construction of iron-clads, of which the Merrimac formed the model. At the time of his death he was Professor of Physics in the Virginia Military Institute.

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The Constitutional Convention.

Report of the Committee on Legislature Under Discussion.

Nine Sections of the Report Passed.

An Amendment Concerning Biennial Sessions Adopted.

PHILADELPHIA, January 27, 1873.

THE FRIENDS AND MILITARY DUTY.

A petition from the Society of Friends, of Birmingham, asking to be relieved from military duty was presented by Mr. Darlington, of Chester. Other memorials of the same character were referred to the proper committee.

SEVENTH DAY OF THE WEEK.

By Mr. Russell, of Bedford—That those citizens of the Commonwealth who conscientiously believe that the seventh day of the week is the Sabbath, and observe it as such, shall be relieved from the penalties imposed by the act of April 22d, 1794.

BIENNIAL SESSIONS.

Mr. Hazzard, Washington, spoke in defence of biennial sessions.

Mr. Cochran, of York, moved to amend the amendment by inserting after the word "annually," the words "until the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, and every two years thereafter."

Mr. Cochran believed that the people of the entire State were in favor of biennial sessions; that they are opposed to annual sessions for good and sufficient reasons. He did not offer his amendment as a compromise, but desired to allow the State Legislature to make and mature general laws, to make such provisions as may be necessary, and to enable them to properly provide for biennial sessions in the future. He also urged the adoption of the section on the ground of economy.

Mr. Gowen, of Philadelphia, followed in a forcible but brief speech, strongly defending the report of the committee, and arguing that biennial sessions would remedy many of the evils now obtaining in our Legislature.

Mr. Mantor, of Crawford, argued in favor of biennial sessions, and instanced Indiana and Illinois, two great States, in which the system has worked admirably. Better men, he was satisfied, would be chosen to legislate for Pennsylvania by adopting this system. Corruption would, to a great extent, die out in our borders when able, dignified and unpurchasable men are chosen to enact our laws and take in charge the welfare of our Commonwealth.

H. White also spoke in favor of the Committee report. The debate was further participated in by Messrs. D. N. White, and J. W. F. White, of Allegheny, in favor of annual elections, and annual sessions of the Legislature. The latter gentleman of the latter gentleman was, that biennial elections and biennial sessions would strengthen power and trample upon the rights of the people. He did not believe in the word "experience" so frequently used on this floor.

His observation had been that members who had remained longest in the Legislature were the men who were the most easily "influenced" or "convinced." The people did not wish to retain dishonest men, and they demanded that their right to change the members of the Legislature should every year be defended them by this Convention. The rights of the people must always depend upon a popular assembly. Their safeguards are those who are sent directly from among them to the Legislature. There may come a time when there shall be a struggle between the people and the great monopolies of this State and then it will be that the people will look to their representatives for assistance and protection.

The debate was continued by Messrs. Gowen, of Philadelphia, and Mann, of Potter.

On motion, the committee rose, with leave to sit to-morrow.

PHILADELPHIA, January 28, 1873.

The Convention resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Legislature, in Committee of the Whole. The question was on the amendment to the section reported from the Committee on Legislature fixing the terms of the members of the Legislature.

Mr. D. N. White attributed to the lobby all the corruption that has been erroneously charged to the Legislature, and thought the root of the evil lay in the power to grant special and enormous privileges to corporations. In favoring a plan by which these powers would be restricted, he said it would require the passage of a comprehensive tax bill for the whole State, which in the State of Ohio had taken from twelve to fifteen years to accomplish.

Mr. J. W. White attributed to the arguments in favor of the biennial plan as implying a distrust of the people, and protested against a wholesale abuse of the Legislature of his State, many of whose members he knew to be as honorable men as any in the State.

Mr. Hay, of Allegheny, De France of Mercer, and Mr. Temple, of Philadelphia, argued at length in favor of biennial elections and biennial sessions.

Mr. Hunsicker thought the aspersions that had been made were unfounded, unjust and malicious, and that it came with bad grace from this Convention.

After Mr. Craig had spoken in favor of biennial elections and annual sessions, Mr. McVeagh summed up the arguments that had been presented pro and con on the section, and continued at length in a presentation of the good that was to be obtained by the change, and the evil that would ensue by a continuation of the present system.

Mr. Cochran's amendment to strike out "every two years," and insert "each year until 1876, and every two years thereafter," was defeated.

Mr. Darlington's amendment, to strike out "two years" and insert "annually," was voted down.

The section, as amended, was then agreed to, and is as follows:

SECTION 2. An election for members of the General Assembly shall be held on the day fixed for the general election next succeeding the adoption of this Constitution, and at the general election held every two years thereafter. Their term of office shall begin on the first Tuesday of December next succeeding their election. When a vacancy occurs in either House, the Governor shall issue a writ of election to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the term in which such vacancy shall have occurred.

PHILADELPHIA, January 29, 1873.

SOLICITORS—SPECIAL LEGISLATION.

By Mr. Howard—That Solicitors for cities, counties and boroughs shall be chosen by the qualified electors of said cities, counties and boroughs at the next election for city, county and borough officers after the adoption of this provision, and every three years thereafter.

Also, by the same—That special legislation shall be lawful in no case except where the proposed special act shall be published at length in one or more newspapers in the locality where the special act is intended to operate.

An act to repeal, amend or revise a special act shall be published as required for original special legislation.

By Mr. Bowman (Erie), that the writ of error shall be a writ of right in all capital cases and shall operate as a *supersedeas* to stay execution of the sentence of death until the order of the Supreme Court is had thereon.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATURE.

The Convention then went into Committee of the Whole, and resumed the consideration of section third of the report from the Committee on Legislature.

Mr. Clark (Indiana) withdrew his amendment, offered yesterday, and moved that the section be amended to read:

"Senators shall be elected for the term of four years," which was agreed to.

The fourth section, that

Representatives shall be elected for the term of two years, was agreed to.

The fifth section, that the General Assembly shall meet at twelve o'clock, noon, on the first Tuesday of January succeeding the adoption of this Constitution, and every two years thereafter, unless sooner convened by the Governor in special session.

Mr. Buckalew moved to amend so as to read "every year thereafter," holding that it was proper that the Legislature should meet annually, the principal argument being that it would prove a check upon the exercise of power by the Executive.

Mr. Baer (Somerset) was satisfied that the people of the State would unqualifiedly support the amendment to the Constitution requiring the Legislature to be elected and to meet biennially.

Mr. Kaine (Fayette) favored annual sessions.

Mr. McVeagh spoke in favor of the section as it is, and made a strong appeal in its behalf.

Mr. Buckalew's amendment was not agreed to—yeas 39; nays 84.

Mr. Landis, (Blair) offered an amendment to add after the word "and" "at the same hour on the first Tuesday of January," which was agreed to, and the section was adopted.

Section sixth was then considered. It is as follows as reported by the Committee, and was adopted:

"No person hall be a Senator who shall not have attained the age of twenty-five years and have been a citizen and inhabitant of this State four years next before his election, and the last year thereof an inhabitant of the district for which he shall be chosen, unless he shall have been absent on the public business of the United States, or of this State, and no person shall hold said office after he shall have removed from said district."

The following sections were then taken up and passed:

"SECTION.—No person shall be a Representative who shall not have attained the age of twenty-one years and have been a citizen and inhabitant of the State three years next before his election, and the last year thereof an inhabitant of the district for which he shall be chosen, unless he shall have been absent on the public business of the United States or of this State, and no person shall hold said office after he shall have removed from said district.

"SECTION.—No Senator or Representative shall, during the time for which he shall have been elected, be appointed to any civil office under this Commonwealth which shall have been created or the emoluments of which shall have been increased during such time, and no member of Congress, or other person holding office (except of attorney-at-law and in the militia) under the United States, or this Commonwealth, shall be a member of their House during his continuance in Congress or in office.

"*Ninth*.—No person who has been or hereafter shall be convicted of bribery, perjury, or other infamous crime, or who has been or may be a collector or holder of public moneys, who shall not have accounted for or paid over, according to law, all such moneys due from him, shall be eligible to the General Assembly, or to any office of profit or trust in this State."

On motion the Committee rose and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow. Convention then adjourned to meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

HOME NEWS.

CONTROLLER WARNER'S REPORT.

Fiscal Affairs of the County.—A Detailed Statement for 1872.—The Funded Debt, &c.—Suggestions from the Controller.—The County in a Healthy Financial Condition.—Interesting Facts in County Finances.

Yesterday morning County Controller Henry Warner, Esq., presented in the Court of Common Pleas his annual report of the fiscal affairs of the county for the year commencing January 1st, 1872, and ending January 1st, 1873. The report is a complete and exhaustive detailed statement of all the financial affairs of the county, and the extracts which we give below will be found interesting reading matter for tax-payers.

The Controller commences with a detailed record of the receipts and expenditures of the county, a summary of which we published a few days ago, and which it is not necessary to reproduce here, further than to repeat that the

Total receipts from all sources, including cash on hand January 1st, 1872, were.....$822,239 19

Expenditures for 1873.....666,389 88

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1873..$155,849 31

The following tables will give a full exhibit of the financial condition of the county, with the explanations of the Controller:

THE FUNDED AND FLOATING DEBT OF THE COUNTY.

Funded Debt.

Six per cent. volunteer bounty bonds—Am't outstanding, per Controller's report, Jan. 1, 1872.....	$	350 00
Seven per cent. workhouse and ineb'iate asylum bonds—Am't outstanding January 1, 1872.....$ 212,600 00		
Am't reduced in 1872 25,000 00		
Amount outstanding.....		187,600 00
Five per cent. compromise bonds—Am't outstanding January 1, 1872..... 2,098,631 65		
Am't issued in 1872..... 2,184 40		
Total am't issued... 2,100,816 05		
Amount redeemed as per statement of sinking fund in 1872 31,126 70		
Amount outstanding.....		2,069,689 35
Five per cent. registered scrip—am't outstanding January 1, 1872.....		104 88
Amount redeemed in 1872.....		78 88
Amount outstanding.....		26 00
Total amount of funded debt, Jan 1, 1873		$2,257,065 35
Total amount of funded debt, Jan 1, 1872		2,311,086 53
Reduction in funded debt in 1872.....		$54,021 18

Floating Debt.

Countersigned warrants outstanding, Jan. 1, 1872.....	$174 61
Outstanding warrants of previous years paid in 1872	20 37
Countersigned warrants outstanding at date.....	$184 74
Amount of six per cent. railroad bonds uncompromised Jan. 1, 1872.....	143,000 00
Settled and compromised, in 1872.....	2,000 00
Total outstanding..	$141,000 00
Total floating debt of the county.....	141,154 74
Total floating debt, Jan. 1, 1872.....	143,174 61
Reduction in floating debt in 1872.....	$2,019 87
Total county debt, Jan. 1, 1872.....$2,454,261 14	
Total county debt, Jan. 1, 1873..... 2,398,219 59	
Reduction of county debt during 1872.....	$56,041 55

RECAPITULATION.

	Allegheny county,	Dr.	Cr.
To funded debt, as per statement.....	$2,257,065 35		
To floating debt, as per statement.....	141,154 74		
Total debt January 1, 1873.....	$2,398,220 09		
By balance due from County Treasury, county funds.....		$156,849 31	
By balance due from County Treasury, sinking fund.....		39 87	
By outstanding taxes, 1860 to 1871, inclusive, etc.....		5,799 19	
By second mortgage 6 per cent. Pitts'gh and Conn. Railroad bonds.....		209,656 87	
By deficit, county liability, to balance..	2,026,854 05		
	$2,398,220 09		
Deficit of county liability, January 1, 1872.....	$2,221,634 73		
Deficit of county liability, January 1, 1873.....	2,026,854 05		
Net reduction of deficit for 1872.....		$ 194,780 68	

NOTE.—Outstanding taxes for 1872 are not noted among the assets of the county, for the reason that the precise figures cannot be had until the settlement, showing uncollectables, and those returned by collectors for entry upon the lien docket.

ORDINARY EXPENSES OF THE COUNTY.

The ordinary expenses of the county for 1872 were in excess of those for 1871, although the actual expenditures have been less. The following table will show the material variations:

	Increase.	*Decrease.*
Interest on funded debt..		$1,638 37
Commissioner's office....	$ 3,198 75	
Interest and expenses on railroad bonds.....	27,616 87	
Controller's office.....	1,508 91	
Treasurer's office.....	1,076 47	
Coroner's office.....	141 23	
Court House.....	3,743 91	
Court House and Jail..		51,573 81
County Jail.....		2,636 42
Court of Quarter Sessions.....	8,851 47	
Court of Common Pleas		816 02
District Court.....	5,276 96	
Supreme Court.....		12 00
Assessment of taxes....		6,204 05
Election expenses.....	7,978 12	
Printing and stationery.	3,327 37	
Bridges.....	8,334 29	
Roads.....		1,547 89
New townships.....		43 00
Alderman and Justices.	837 65	
Constables.....	1,663 20	
House of Refuge.....	601 13	
Western Pennsylvania Hospital		1,560 36
Premiums for fox scalps		2 50
Unseated land tax.....		56 25
Gen. of Pennsylvania...		32,964 48
Contingent fund.....	267 97	
State Auditor.....	51 09	
Prothonotory's office....		1,586 61
Work House and Infirmary Asylum.....		12,301 55
Western Penitentiary...		52
Law Library.....	2,370 77	
Gas Inspector.....		85 77
Recorder's Index Com'n		11,703 00
	$77,143 15	$124,712 58
Increase of expenditures for sundry departments.....	$ 77,143 15	
Decrease of expenditures for sundry department.....		124,712 58
Net decrease.....		$ 47,569 43

THE CLERK HIRE.

The item of increase noted in the Commissioners' office, was created by an increased expenditure on account of extra clerk hire and copying expenses, consequent upon the bungling and imperfect manner in which the tax duplicates for 1872 were copied by the contractor, and by an increase of the salaries of the County Commissioners, authorized by the Legislature of 1871, increasing the same in each case from $730 to $2,000 per annum, making an aggregate increase from April 1, 1872, to this date (one Commissioner not being paid his last month's salary) of $2,310.41.

The increase noted in the Controller's office arose from the payment during this year of the last quarter's salary for 1871 of the former Controller, Henry Lambert, Esq., amounting to $750 and a fraction of a month's salary to some of the clerks, amounting to $68.01 in the same way—while all the salaries in this office for 1872 are settled in full, to the date of this report; and also that the salaries of the clerks in this office were increased by the Legislature of 1872, to date from March 1, 1872, as follow: Chief clerk from $1,000 to $1,200 per annum; bookkeeper, from $700 to $1,000 per annum.

The increase noted in appropriation No. 3 of interest and expenses in Railroad bonds is more in appearance than in reality occurring from the payment of $39,337.61 of judgments, obtained against the County in the U. S. Circuit Court for former years interest, and paid in 1872, while during the year just closed no suits have been entered or judgments obtained against the County for this or any other cause, all proper and legal claims having been paid upon presentation at the County Treasury. Deducting the amounts of these judgments the ordinary expenditures for interest on these bonds should show a material reduction over former years.

The increase in the Treasurer's office resulted as noted above in other instances in the payment of fractional parts of salaries of last year, in the current year,—1872.

COURT HOUSE AND JAIL.

The item of decrease in the Department of the Court House and Jail is also more in appearance than in reality on account of large payments for buildings in former years, which did not occur during the present year, thereby showing a decrease of expenditures, while the ordinary expenditures were really increased over former years.

The same may also be said of the item noted under the head of Assessment of Taxes—the triennial assessment having been made in 1871, and the years in which this assessment is made will always show an increased expenditure, while the following years will show a corresponding decrease.

ELECTION EXPENSES.

The increase in election expenses resulted in the extraordinary expenses consequent upon the State and National elections, occurring during the last year, and the increased number of elections consequent upon the consolidation of the South Side districts with the city of Pittsburgh. In the Gubernatorial election the immense number of candidates voted for resulted in the employment of nearly every election board in the county, two days in counting the tickets, thereby becoming a tax on the county at large, which is certainly contrary to the objects for which a county tax as levied is intended. The deficiency this year, owing to considerable exertion is less than it has been for former years by nearly $2,000, but I believe it improper to appropriate any sum from the funds raised by county taxation for this purpose as there are three Poor Boards whose jurisdiction extends throughout the whole county, and who levy taxes for this specific purpose. The same is true, although to a lesser degree, is noted under the head of Contingent Fund in the detailed statement being the amount paid out of the county funds for school purposes, there being a special tax levied for these purposes. I believe the county at large should be relieved from payments of these sums, and they be paid out of the taxes assessed and collected for educational purposes.

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A PASTOR INSTALLED.

The Rev. J. M. Johnston Received Into the U. P. Church—And Installed Pastor of the Central Congregation.

Last evening the Allegheny Presbytery of the U. P. Church held a called meeting in the Central U. P. Church, corner of Sandusky and South Diamond streets, to receive the Rev. J. M. Johnston, of the Reformed Presbytery of Armagh, and, as the call stated, "if the way be clear to proceed with the installation." It will be remembered that the Central U. P. Church of Allegheny was formed by part of the congregation of the Second U. P. Church, and that the former called the Rev. Johnston of the Reformed Presbytery to occupy their pulpit.

The meeting last evening was constituted by the Rev. A. Cooper, D. D., in the absence of the regular moderator, the Rev. Wright, who came in shortly afterwards, however, and took the chair. A good deal of discussion was indulged in as to the method of receiving the Rev. Johnston, as he had left his former charge without any letter of dismissal, and was still in effect the pastor of a church at Parnassus. A motion was made that his name be simply added to the roll, but it was decided that this was not all that would be necessary.

The following preambles and resolution were finally offered and adopted:

WHEREAS, The Rev. J. M. Johnston has applied to the Allegheny Presbytery of the U. P. Church for admission; and whereas, he is without the proper credentials from the Reformed Presbyterian church at Parnassus, to which he belonged; and whereas, it is not the usual custom to give certificates of dismissal from that denomination; and whereas, he has signified his adherence to the principles of the United Presbyterian Church; therefore,

Resolved, That he be received to the Communion of the U. P. Church.

The call was then presented and accepted by the Rev. Johnston. The Presbytery then proceeded with the installation, and the usual questions were proposed to the people and pastor by the Moderator. The charge to the pastor was delivered by Dr. Cooper, and to the people by the Rev. Samuel Collins.

BROWNSVILLE.

Arrested on an Old Charge—Lecture—Packet Company.

(Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

BROWNSVILLE, Pa., January 28, 1873.

WILLIAM HOGGHMAN.

The notorious character bearing the above name, was arrested last week by officer Norcrop, on the charge of being one of the parties to the assault and robbery of George Warner, a colored man, some two years since. In all probability he will get the benefit of a term in the Western Penitentiary. Officer Norcrop, in the discharge of his duty, was assaulted by the culprit.

LECTURE.

C. A. Holmes, D.D, delivered the second lecture of the Course Monday evening in the Presbyterian Church. The audience was large and very attentive. His subject, "Ourselves," was an interesting one, and the masterly manner in which it was treated by the Doctor was a rich treat to all present. Those who take this opportunity of congratulating Rev. H. J. Smith, of the Executive Committee, in providing such good entertainment for the Association.

PACKET COMPANY.

This company has again suspended operation; not however wholly on the account of ice, but because business is slack. This is a good excuse and as they are under no obligations to to the people of this valley it would be unjust(?) to ask them to run their boats for the accommodation of their customers for a few days, even if they could pay no heavy dividends. The citizens of the Monongahela Valley have made this corporation strong and powerful by their patronage and now they are at its mercy. Would that the iron horse would come to our rescue.

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BETWEEN THE CARS.

A Brakeman Killed on the West Penn Railroad.

Coroner West last night held an inquest on the body of Simpson Hill, aged twenty-two years, employed as a brakeman on the West Penn Railroad, who was killed at Sharpsburg borough, about half past five o'clock last evening. The deceased was coupling coal cars to be weighed, when he slipped and fell between the bumpers, being crushed so that he died in a few moments after. A verdict of accidental death was rendered. His parents reside at Natrona, on the West Penn Road. He was considered as a careful and steady young man.

.....Up in Erie county over one hundred discontented husbands and wives have been of the opinion during the past year that "life has no wretchedness equal to an ill-assorted marriage—it is the sepulcher of the heart, haunted by the ghost of lost affections and hopes gone forever" and have consequently applied for divorce.

The Great Organ—The Burdett—Not Sham Stops.

The Burdett Organ is the only one that contains no *sham* stops; every stop having a distinctive variety of tone. Purchasers are not deceived by an array of *sham* stops which other makers purposely get up to mislead unsuspecting customers, and to obtain higher prices than the instruments are really worth. For instance the celebrated *Céleste Stop* is in the Burdett Organ, composed of a separate and distinct set of reeds, producing a delightful tone, while in most other organs there is no separate set of reeds, and the effect is but a muddy conglomeration of sound. If you desire an organ the most complete in tone and durability, and returning you dollar for dollar in musical excellence, get the Burdett, which can be obtained only at H. Kieler & Bro.'s warerooms, No. 122 Wood street. These first-class Burdetts are offered as low as the ordinary slop shop organ which has to be peddled around the country in order to find customers.

Rural Beauties and City Belles.

Country girls are not a whit behind their metropolitan sisters in the natural element of loveliness, but it must be conceded that the city belles best understand the art of preserving and heightening their personal beauty. The most perfect features lose half their attractions unless the complexion is properly cared for, and if the pretty girls of rural districts wish to compete with the "Fair stars" of the fashionable world in refined attractions, they must pay due attention to this important point. They ought to know, for the fact is notorious, that HAGAN'S MAGNOLIA BALM imparts to the skin a delicate, pearly appearance, unpracticable by any other preparation under the sun. No matter how the cuticle may have been roughened and injured by exposure or discolored by sun, the Balm will render it soft and pliable, and remove every blemish. T.T.H.S.S.

More "Heathen" for Beaver Falls.

The new lot of "heathen Chinee" arrived at Rochester yesterday. There were only two in the party. The contract originally specified for three hundred, of which two hundred and seventy-five have arrived, leaving one hundred and twenty-five still to come. It is rumored that a fresh importation of one hundred will in a few days arrive, but how is this done. Bearing an indefinite period in the past the valuation by common agreement among the Assessors was made at about one-tenth the actual value. This was intended as a protection against State taxation. But for some years past, especially since the State taxation of real estate has been abolished the proportionate valuation of the different allotments has been nearly as various as the number of districts would allow. In view of these facts and the manifest injustice of such a system, creating ever growing and interminable confusion, it has been partially determined upon by the county Commissioners to demand from each of the Assessors an actual cash valuation of all kinds of property in their districts taxable by law and make the assessment accordingly. This will not cause one penny of increase of taxation in the aggregate, and will result in more equitably dividing the burden. Besides the value of the figures in the wealth obtained by this system in fixing our proper status abroad cannot be over-estimated.

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A PASTOR INSTALLED.

The Rev. J. M. Johnston Received Into the U. P. Church—And Installed Pastor of the Central Congregation.

Last evening the Allegheny Presbytery of the U. P. Church held a called meeting in the Central U. P. Church, corner of Sandusky and South Diamond streets, to receive the Rev. J. M. Johnston, of the Reformed Presbytery of Armagh, and, as the call stated, "if the way be clear to proceed with the installation." It will be remembered that the Central U. P. Church of Allegheny was formed by part of the congregation of the Second U. P. Church, and that the former called the Rev. Johnston of the Reformed Presbytery to occupy their pulpit.

The meeting last evening was constituted by the Rev. A. Cooper, D. D., in the absence of the regular moderator, the Rev. Wright, who came in shortly afterwards, however, and took the chair. A good deal of discussion was indulged in as to the method of receiving the Rev. Johnston, as he had left his former charge without any letter of dismissal, and was still in effect the pastor of a church at Parnassus. A motion was made that his name be simply added to the roll, but it was decided that this was not all that would be necessary.

The following preambles and resolution were finally offered and adopted:

WHEREAS, The Rev. J. M. Johnston has applied to the Allegheny Presbytery of the U. P. Church for admission; and whereas, he is without the proper credentials from the Reformed Presbyterian church at Parnassus, to which he belonged; and whereas, it is not the usual custom to give certificates of dismissal from that denomination; and whereas, he has signified his adherence to the principles of the United Presbyterian Church; therefore,

Resolved, That he be received to the Communion of the U. P. Church.

The call was then presented and accepted by the Rev. Johnston. The Presbytery then proceeded with the installation, and the usual questions were proposed to the people and pastor by the Moderator. The charge to the pastor was delivered by Dr. Cooper, and to the people by the Rev. Samuel Collins.

BROWNSVILLE.

Arrested on an Old Charge—Lecture—Packet Company.

(Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

BROWNSVILLE, Pa., January 28, 1873.

WILLIAM HOGGHMAN.

The notorious character bearing the above name, was arrested last week by officer Norcrop, on the charge of being one of the parties to the assault and robbery of George Warner, a colored man, some two years since. In all probability he will get the benefit of a term in the Western Penitentiary. Officer Norcrop, in the discharge of his duty, was assaulted by the culprit.

LECTURE.

C. A. Holmes, D.D, delivered the second lecture of the Course Monday evening in the Presbyterian Church. The audience was large and very attentive. His subject, "Ourselves," was an interesting one, and the masterly manner in which it was treated by the Doctor was a rich treat to all present. Those who take this opportunity of congratulating Rev. H. J. Smith, of the Executive Committee, in providing such good entertainment for the Association.

PACKET COMPANY.

This company has again suspended operation; not however wholly on the account of ice, but because business is slack. This is a good excuse and as they are under no obligations to to the people of this valley it would be unjust(?) to ask them to run their boats for the accommodation of their customers for a few days, even if they could pay no heavy dividends. The citizens of the Monongahela Valley have made this corporation strong and powerful by their patronage and now they are at its mercy. Would that the iron horse would come to our rescue.

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BETWEEN THE CARS.

A Brakeman Killed on the West Penn Railroad.

Coroner West last night held an inquest on the body of Simpson Hill, aged twenty-two years, employed as a brakeman on the West Penn Railroad, who was killed at Sharpsburg borough, about half past five o'clock last evening. The deceased was coupling coal cars to be weighed, when he slipped and fell between the bumpers, being crushed so that he died in a few moments after. A verdict of accidental death was rendered. His parents reside at Natrona, on the West Penn Road. He was considered as a careful and steady young man.

.....Up in Erie county over one hundred discontented husbands and wives have been of the opinion during the past year that "life has no wretchedness equal to an ill-assorted marriage—it is the sepulcher of the heart, haunted by the ghost of lost affections and hopes gone forever" and have consequently applied for divorce.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

VERMONT contains 100,000 cows, which yield their owners annually $5,532,330.

A LOVELY Iowa girl received 10,000 hoop poles from her doting father as a marriage dowry.

A RESPECTABLE young man from Peoria, Illinois, was lately hung in Caldwell, Kansas, by a Vigilance Committee, who mistook him for a horse thief.

ONE mouse-catcher at Aarburg, in Switzerland, caught 11,281 mice in the last three months of 1872, for which he received a bounty of three cents a head.

THE newspaper reports of Captain Jack's fight with the regular troops confirm the statement that the Modocs fought naked. The regulars were not to that manner of fighting born.

THE Roman Catholic Mission for the conversion of the colored population of the South, at the head of which was the late Dr. Vaughan, has thus far failed to win any great number of converts.

IT is stated that some eleven hundred suits are about to be entered against the Missouri Pacific and the Atlantic and Pacific Railroads by citizens of Warrensburg, Sedalia, and other points on the road, for unjust discrimination in freight charges. These suits involve over $1,000,000.

THE controlling interest of the Long Island road was sold on Monday, to a company of Massachusetts capitalists. It is stated that the Federal Government will soon sue the Erie Railway Company for over $100,000 in taxes on dividends and coupons which that company have not paid.

A HERO of the war recently applied for a situation in New York, but was rejected on account of having done too much service. He had served with McClellan, he had served with Grant, he had served with Burnside, and he had served with Hooker; but upon inquiry it appeared that he had also served eighteen months in the Penitentiary.

A YOUNG lady has just been fined $200 in Chicago for calling her lover into the kitchen and throwing some boiling lye upon him. This mode of giving the lye direct was highly resented by the lover, who concluded that the warmth of the maiden's affection was too much for him and had her arrested.

THE *Tribune* cites Messrs. Boutwell, Fish and Creswell as specimens of "ignorance and incapacity" in high places, whereupon the Albany *Journal* remarks that the number of gentlemen were so "ignorant" as to believe that Mr. Greeley could be elected President, or of such profound "incapacity" as to render a hopeful campaign hopeless in thirty days by their blundering imbecility.

THERE was once an old woman who, in answer to a visiting almoner's inquiries as to how she did, said: "Oh, sir, the Lord is very good to me; I've lost my husband and my eldest son, and my youngest daughter, and I'm half blind, and I can't sleep or move about for the rheumatics; but I've got two teeth left in my head, and, praise and bless His holy name, they're opposite each other!" It has been said that this old woman was thankful for small mercies.

ARTICLES of association of the Ohio River and Chicago Railroad Company, a Terre Haute organization, were filed at Columbus, Ohio, on Monday last. The company proposes to construct a road from a point on the Ohio River opposite Owensboro, Kentucky, to a point on the Cincinnati and Terre Haute Railroad, where it crosses White River. The length of the road will be one hundred and fifty miles. Capital stock $4,000,000.

IT is estimated that during the interval between the harvests of 1872 and 1873, England, in order to feed her population, must pay to foreign countries $175,000,000 for wheat, and $50,000,000 for corn and other food. The agitation caused by this prospect has raised the question whether so much land shall remain uncultivated in England for the preservation of game, and for the maintenance of parks in the hands of the wealthy and gentry.

AN infant daughter of Lewis Harris, of Richmond, died a frightful death the other day. The mother went to the cupboard to get some article therefrom, and hearing screams from the child, she returned almost instantly, and found it standing with both hands against the hot stove. She removed its hands, and the skin and flesh came off of them and remained sticking to the stove. The pain of the burns was so great as to cause spasms, which resulted in the death of the little sufferer.

THE *American Agriculturist* suggests that the girls wear "thick, home-made woolen stockings" instead of the gauze absurdities with which they now cover their rosy and dimpled (?) little extremities. The *Agriculturist* thinks that it would give us a healthier set of mothers. This is true, and the girls might as well, while they are covering up their legs, throw something around their necks and chests. It would be better in more ways than hygienic.

A BRUTE, by stretch of courtesy called a man, in Worthington, Mass., after trying various methods to make a balky horse draw, finally slip-noosed a strong clothesline on the tongue of the poor beast, and then attached such a power to the line that the tongue was torn out by the roots. Ashamed of his work, the owner hid this gory and mangled member in the snow, but he did not possess enough humanity to put the agonized animal out of his misery. The buried tongue was found by some boys, and a full a exposure of the cruelty speedily followed. The suffering beast was found in the barn, still living.

THE election in Mexico for a Chief Justice of the Supreme Court will soon take place. Several candidates are in the field, including General Escobedo and Rivs Palacois. In the event of the death of the President of the Republic, the Chief Justice succeeds to the executive power, which makes the position of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court one of great dignity. So many aspirants being at work warrants the belief that serious trouble will grow out of the election, if not another revolution.

THE terrible earthquake which recently occurred near Bombay, by which thousands of lives were lost, is one more instance of the terrible convulsions of nature which have rendered the past year remarkable. If the report, meagre details only of which have as yet been received, is correct, it furnishes a parallel case to the earthquakes in California and at Antioch, which were strongest felt near the ocean and between it and high ranges of mountains. Is there a scientific cause for the occurrence of such phenomenon in such places, or are they merely fortuitous?

THREE U. S. Commissioners, who were appointed in May, 1872, to inquire into the extent and character of the raids on the Texas side of the Rio Grande by Mexicans, whereby citizens of the United States were murdered and their property stolen, have just made a partial report, giving a list of persons robbed, and the value of the property taken, the aggregate of losses being $27,850,384. The claims so far examined are of three kinds: First, for losses sustained during a raid into Texas in 1857 by the Mexican General Cortinas; second, by casual losses of horses and cattle, and third, imprisonment and outrages.

Iron Markets.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—The Times reports: The Wolverhampton quarterly meeting of the iron trade was of unusual attendance, alike of sellers and buyers, with a disposition to purchase, if only the conditions could be obtained. There were rich consumers though reasonable. The quotations were, however, very wide of each other when dealers were ready to take stock. There were firms of first-class standing who were open to take orders for bars at £12; and they are doing a good trade at that figure, for they are determined that if there should be again a sudden falling off in the demand, consequent upon immediate advances, they will not be found swamped by swept of specifications. No firm will, however, accept orders for an unlimited quantity. While these firms are asking £12, others are asking £13. Sheets and plates are even firmer than bars. Single firms will not be sold to-day. In some instances large quantities at £14. There will go to the London market. The same figure is being asked for plates. In these cases makers were influenced in part by the state of their order books at considerably lower prices, in others by the demands which have been made by certain pig-making firms, and by the colliery proprietors and coke merchants.

One leading pig-making firm were yesterday asking £7 for their pigs, their books having been filled at £6; but it is not understood that they are able to supply the iron at £7 within a moderate time. The coal of this district was difficult to get of a good quality under advances that were almost without precedent. A rise of as much as 2s. and even more, colliery proprietors declare, would be established to-day in first-class quarters. The justification for these demands was the havoc which the long prevailing wet weather has made in filling the works with water. Firms

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DAILY GAZETTE.

FINANCE AND TRADE.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, TUESDAY, February 4, 1873.

The great necessity of the commercial world just now is to have cheap money—for history has always shown that when money has been abundant and cheap, new avenues of industry are constantly opened up, and activity and enterprise is infused into every department of trade and commerce; but on the other hand, when money is scarce and dear, manufactures and commerce are retarded, enterprise crushed and new efforts prevented. For the accommodation of business men, and to assist them in carrying on their operations, banks are instituted. The banks deal in money as their merchandise. If now this merchandize is plenty and is not employed with advantage, the banks can afford to sell it to their customers cheap. But here is the difficulty—money is taxed and burdened as no other article of merchandise is. For instance, the national banks now pay the following taxes: 1. a tax on capital in excess of amount invested in U. S. bonds; 2. a tax on deposits; 3. a tax on net gains; 4. a State tax on market value of stock; 5. a tax on circulation State banks are taxed in a similar way. All these taxes are but so many additional burdens put upon the borrowers of money—so much of a tariff added to the real cost of money which he paid by the borrower. There is too much taxation in this way, and for the sake of reducing cost of money we hope some of these burdens may be removed.

The Treasury will buy $1,000,000 of bonds each Thursday during February, and sell $1,500,000 of gold each Thursday during February. Total gold sales for the month, $6,000,000; bond purchases, $4,000,000.

The public debt statement for February 1st shows an increase of $466,245.

We understand that a movement is on foot to to organize here a board of brokers or stock exchange, similar to those in existence in Philadelphia and New York. If rightly managed it would be of great advantage to the business interests of Pittsburgh.

A stationer in a western State issues a circular to the banks, stating that by inserting the words "one day after date, without grace," in drafts, thereby constituting them time bills, the 2 cent revenue stamp may be saved, and some banks have adopted the suggetion. The saving of two cents does not compensate the risk of losing endorsers, for most certainly, if such a draft should not be presented, and if unpaid, protested when due, the endorsers are released from liability.

Peoples' National Bank stock sold last evening, at McIlwaine's stock sales rooms, 105 Smithfield street, for $119.

Gold has been steady during the day, advancing, however, to 113¼.

In the New York stock market the bull movement seems to have been checked; prices declining a fraction at the close through the entire list, the principal decline, however, being in Erie.

In our local money market money to-day seems to be easier than it has been for some time past. Prime paper can readily be placed at 10 to 12 per cent. We are glad to note this returning ease, and can only hope that rates will still further decline. Good paper ought readily to be placed at 9 per cent, and our manufacturers cannot afford to pay over that and do a successful business.

Luther S. Kaufman, stock and note broker, No. 116 Smithfield street, furnish the following quotations of bonds and stocks from his latest advices by telegraph:

	Opening.	Closing.
Gold	113	113¼
U. S. 5ses—1881	116½	116¾
" —coupons		116½
5-20—1862	114	114¼
5-20—1864	114	114¾
" 1865	114½	115
" 1865 new	114½	115
" 1867	116½	116¾
" 1868—coupons	116	116½
10-40s	111½	111¾
10-40s—coupons	111	111¾
Currency 6's	115	115¾
New 5 per cents	113	113½
RAILWAYS.		
New York Central	106½	106¾
Erie	69	69¾
R. H. & E	9½	9¾
C. C. & I. C.	41	40¾
St. Paul	78½	79
Do. preferred	79½	79¾
Michigan Southern	95¼	95¾
Do Central		111
Rock Island	114	113¾
North Western, Common	84¾	84¾
Do. preferred	93¾	92¾
Pacific Mail	30¾	30
Atlantic Mail	49½	50
Western Union Telegraph	49¾	49
Ohio & Mississippi	29¾	29¾
Union Pacific	36¾	36¾
Toledo & Wabash	34¾	33¾
Fort Wayne	94	
Adams Express	58¾	69
American Express	58¾	58¾
United States Express	78	78
Harlem	130	130¾

PITTSBURGH MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, TUESDAY, February 4, 1873.

APPLES—There is no improvement in the demand, and no quotable change in prices; $1.75@2.50 per bbl. as to quality.

APPLE BUTTER—50 to 60c per gall.

BEESWAX—Sales at 35@40c per lb.

BUTTER—Continues quiet and unchanged; prime to choice roll, 25@26c; medium to good, 22@23; inferior to common, 8 to 12. The inquiry is principally for the best.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Is dull, but unchanged, at $8@8.50 per bbl.

BEANS—Sales in a jobbing way at $2.50 to $3 per bushel.

CHEESE—Standard brands of Goshen, September cure, 16½@17c in a jobbing way. Not much inquiry for lower grades.

CARBON OIL—Is still quoted at 16½@17 by the car load, and 2 to 3c more for small lots.

CONCENTRATED LYE—Is quoted at $7.50 per case for 50 case lots, and $8 for small lots.

CRANBERRIES—Sackett's and Carey's, $14 per bbl; common, $10@12.

DRESSED HOGS—Quotable at 4¾ for coarse heavy, and 5 to 5¾ for light weights.

DRIED FRUIT—Continues very quiet, but an early improvement in the demand is anticipated. Peaches, halves, 7¾@8c; Apples, 5 to 6c; Blackberries, 10c.

EGGS—Notwithstanding there has been no percept ible increase in the arrivals, the market and the prices are reported lower; Fresh, 27 to 28; limed, 20 to 22.

FLOUR—The market is quiet and the feeling, under the influence of late advices from other points, is somewhat strong; although prices are still maintained. Spring wheat, $8.25@8.75, the outside figure for choice; No. 2 winter, $8.50; red winter wheat, $9@9.50. Rye Flour, $5.75.

GRAIN—The receipts of grain of all kinds continue heavy, but the supply is not more than equal to the demand, and prices are without quotable change. Wheat continues scarce and the sellers are taking full full advantage of the fact for fair to prime red. Oats, also, are reported easier—there is less inquiry, but with continued light arrivals from the country, the banks can afford to sell it to their customers cheap. But here is the difficulty—money is taxed and burdened as no other article of merchandise is. For instance, the national banks now pay the following taxes: 1. a tax on capital in excess of amount invested in U. S. bonds; 2. a tax on deposits; 3. a tax on net gains; 4. a State tax on market value of stock; 5. a tax on circulation State banks are taxed in a similar way. All these taxes are but so many additional burdens put upon the borrowers of money—so much of a tariff added to the real cost of money which he paid by the borrower. There is too much taxation in this way, and for the sake of reducing cost of money we hope some of these burdens may be removed.

RECEIPTS CRUDE OIL.

Vesta G W, acct. Hackett	225
Vesta O W, acct. Wood	400
Vesta O W, acct. J. Lewis	871
Vesta O W, acct. G. Geiger	149
Hutchinson & O W, acct. R. & D.	330
Newcomer & Co., acct. owner	333
Hutchinson O W, acct. Parker & T	471
Brilliant O W acct. Lockhart F & Co.	308
Standard O W, acct. Hackett	1,000
Eagle O W, acct N. W. Stevenson	366
Riverside O W, acct. Duncan	222
Fairview O W, acct. Stevenson	222
Fairview O W, acct. J. O. Grier	80
D. P. Reighard acct. owner	151
Total	5060

Wheat at Chicago.

The Tribune of Monday says: Wheat was less active, and declined ½@¾c lower, the drop not occurring till late in the session. The trade was quoted firm, but Liverpool was reported dull with a downward tendency, and our receipts were somewhat liberal, with no trouble to move receipts in the future. These tended to dullness here, the only relief feature in sight being the total absence of a desire to buy, as the February shorts seemed to have been all filled, and many operators were busy in receiving and redelivering, so that they had no time to make fresh trades. The great majority of dealers expect much lower prices for wheat if "the back of the winter" is broken for the sixth time this season, and seem inclined to look for lower prices. They say that quotations have been kept up on the strength of the storm, of which we have had enough, and that the bulk will mark a radical change. There is no doubt that a great deal of wheat is waiting in the country to come in, just as fast as the railroad cars can bring it here.

Receipts Pig Metal, Ore and Blooms.

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH R. R.

Nimick & Co.	2	Shoenberger & Co.	1
Pgh Bolt Co.	1		
Total	3		1

PITTSBURGH FT. WAYNE AND CHICAGO RAILROAD, P. R. R. LESSEE.

Brown & Co.	3	Loomis & Co.	2
Nimick & Co.	4	Jones & Laughlin	2
J. Painter & Son	1	Caughey & Hay	4
Moorhead & Co.	4		
Total	12		16

PENN'A. CENTRAL RAILROAD.

Nimick & Co.	3	Caughey & Hay	1
J. W. Porter	1		
Total	4		5

PITTSBURGH, CINCINNATI AND ST. LOUIS R. R.

Carnagie K & Co.	7	Wharton Bros.	1

ALLEGHENY VALLEY R. R.

Nimick & Co.	2	Wm Smith	1

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York Financial Market.

NEW YORK, February 4, 1873.

Applications for the new loan here and through the agencies throughout the country are numerous and heavy, and are chiefly from National banks exchanging their circulation. Very few have yet come from remote points, which are now only beginning to be reached by the full prospectus. Advices from London indicate a large smbscription, but as the continent has not yet been heard from, there is no data upon which to estimate the aggregate applications. The five per cents. in London closed to-day at 112, and here at 113¾, or about ½ per cent. premium. Money was irregular, loaning as high as 1-16 per day, but closing easy at the bank 7 currency to 7 coin, at which rate most of the day's business was done. Sterling was firm; 109¾ @109¾. Gold was higher, ranging from 113¼ to 113¾, closing at 113¾@113¾. Loans 3@6 per cent. for carrying. Clearings $41,000,000. The Treasury disbursed $200,000. Governments were a trifle better, and steady. State bonds dull; Tennessees sellers. Railway mortgages were active and firmer. The stock market opened firm at an advance of ½@¾ per cent., but prices soon became irregular, and in the afternoon the market was weak and lower. There were immense transactions in Western Union, which opened at 90¾, and fluctuated to 90¾, 91, 89¾, 90¾, 89½, 90, 90¾, 89¾, 90¾, 89¾ and 89¼. Erie, next in point of interest, opened at 69¾, and fluctuated to 68¾, 68½, 67¾, 68, 67¾, 68, 67¾ and 68. Lake Shore ranged 95¾@ 96¾ and 95½; New York Central 106½ and 106¾; Pacific Mail, 73, 73¾, 72¾ and 72¾; Atlantic & Pacific 37¾ and 36¾; Ohio & Mississippi 29¾ and 29; Rock Island 113¾, 114 and 113¾; Wabash 74¾ and 73¾; Hartford and Erie 9¾ and 9; C. C. & I. C. 41¼ and 40¾; Union Pacific 36¾ and 36¾; North Western Common 84½, 85 and 84¾, and preferred 93½, 92¾ and 92¼. The market closed weak, except Erie.

GOVERNMENTS.—U. S. coupons of '81, 116½; 5-20s '62, 114½; do '64, 114½; do '65, 115; new '65s, 114¾; '67, 116¼; do '68, 116¾; new 10s, 113¾; Ten-forties, 114¾. Currency sixes, 115¾.

STATE BONDS.—Missouri, 93¾; Tennessee old, 78¾; do new, 81; Virginia new, 60; do old, 47; North Carolina old, 33; do new, 17.

STOCKS.—Quicksilver, 37½; do preferred, 75; Union Telegraph, 89¾; Quicksilver, 44¼; Wells, Fargo & Co., 84; American Merchants Union Express, 69; United States Express, 78¾; Pacific Mail, 71¾; New York Central, 106¾; Erie, 68¾; do preferred, 80; Harlem, 120; do preferred, 125; Michigan Central, 110¾; Northwestern, 84¼; do preferred, 92¾; Rock Island 113¾; St. Paul, 74; do preferred, 79; Wabash, 73¾; do preferred, 85; Fort Wayne, 93¾; Chicago & Alton, 115¾; do preferred, 117; Ohio & Mississippi, 29; Cleveland, Columbus & Cincinnati, 92; Burlington & Quincy, 113½; Lake Shore, 95¾; Panama, 40¾; Illinois Central, 120; Union Pacific, 35¾; Central Pacific, 103; Union, 89; Delaware & Lackawanna, 102½; Hartford & Erie, 9¾.

New York.

NEW YORK, February 4.—Cotton lower and very quiet; low middlings 20¼c; sales of futures 12,200 bales, as follows: February 20 7-16c; March 20 9-16@20 5-8c; April 20 13-16@ 20 15-16c; May 21 1-16@21¼c; June 21⅝@ 21 9-16c. Flour quiet and slightly in buyers' favor; receipts 8,000 barrels; superfine western and State $5.40@5.75; common to good $7.30@ 7.90; good to choice $8@8.50. Rye flour steady at $4.75@6.50. Whisky steady at 93¼c. Wheat a shade firmer; receipts 3,000 bushels; strictly prime No 1 Milwaukee in store $1.54; extra, choice No 2 Duluth, afloat, $1.76; red western $2.60. Rye, Barley and malt unchanged. Corn less active; receipts 16,000 bushels; old western mixed, afloat 47c; yellow western 50@67c; white 66c. Oats in fair demand; receipts 12,000 bushels; white 54@55c; mixed State 52@54c. Hay and hops unchanged. Coffee steady and unchanged. Molasses firm; New Orleans 73@76½c. Rice steady at 8@9c. Petroleum; crude 9c; refined 20@20½c. Turpentine steady at 47c. Provisions: mess pork and beef unchanged. Cut meats very quiet. Hams 12@13c. Shoulders 6¼@6¾c. Middles lower; short clear 7¾c; long and short clear March 7¾c. Lard quiet; western steam 8¼c; kettle 8¾c. Western butter firm at 15@20c. Cheese steady at 13@16½c.

Foreign.

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PETROLEUM MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, TUESDAY, Feb. 4, 1873.

The crude market was reported firmer to-day, with but little offering and some inquiry; prices, however, as compared with yesterday have undergone but little change; $2.20 to $2.25 per bbl. at Parker, equal to about 5½ cts per gallon here. The in- quiry, however, so far as Pittsburgh is concerned, is light, as the largest majority of refineries are stopped, and the tankmen generally do not seem disposed to pay present prices, besides, so far as we can learn, the most of them appear to have bought all the oil they want or have tanks to put in. Refined continues very firm at prices named, though not quotably lower; 16½@17 on cars here, 20@22 delivered in Philadelphia.

Oil barrels continue very scarce, hence, notwithstanding the demand is light, prices are still maintained; $2 to $2.05 for city make. The very limited supply of barrels is due mainly to the scarcity of staves; many of the cooper shops have been obliged to stop for want of them.

RECEIPTS CRUDE OIL.

Vesta G W, acct. Hackett	225
Vesta O W, acct. Wood	400
Vesta O W, acct. J. Lewis	871
Vesta O W, acct. G. Geiger	149
Hutchinson O W, acct. R. & D.	330
Newcomer & Co., acct. owner	333
Hutchinson O W, acct. Parker & T	471
Brilliant O W acct. Lockhart F & Co.	308
Standard O W, acct. Hackett	1,000
Eagle O W, acct N. W. Stevenson	366
Riverside O W, acct. Duncan	222
Fairview O W, acct. Stevenson	222
Fairview O W, acct. J. O. Grier	80
D. P. Reighard acct. owner	151
Total	5060

Wheat at Chicago.

The Tribune of Monday says: Wheat was less active, and declined ½@¾c lower, the drop not occurring till late in the session. The trade was quoted firm, but Liverpool was reported dull with a downward tendency, and our receipts were somewhat liberal, with no trouble to move receipts in the future. These tended to dullness here, the only relief feature in sight being the total absence of a desire to buy, as the February shorts seemed to have been all filled, and many operators were busy in receiving and redelivering, so that they had no time to make fresh trades. The great majority of dealers expect much lower prices for wheat if "the back of the winter" is broken for the sixth time this season, and seem inclined to look for lower prices. They say that quotations have been kept up on the strength of the storm, of which we have had enough, and that the bulk will mark a radical change. There is no doubt that a great deal of wheat is waiting in the country to come in, just as fast as the railroad cars can bring it here.

Receipts Pig Metal, Ore and Blooms.

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH R. R.

Nimick & Co.	2	Shoenberger & Co.	1
Pgh Bolt Co.	1		
Total	3		1

PITTSBURGH FT. WAYNE AND CHICAGO RAILROAD, P. R. R. LESSEE.

Brown & Co.	3	Loomis & Co.	2
Nimick & Co.	4	Jones & Laughlin	2
J. Painter & Son	1	Caughey & Hay	4
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Total	12		16

PENN'A. CENTRAL RAILROAD.

Nimick & Co.	3	Caughey & Hay	1
J. W. Porter	1		
Total	4		5

PITTSBURGH, CINCINNATI AND ST. LOUIS R. R.

Carnagie K & Co.	7	Wharton Bros.	1

ALLEGHENY VALLEY R. R.

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MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York Financial Market.

NEW YORK, February 4, 1873.

Applications for the new loan here and through the agencies throughout the country are numerous and heavy, and are chiefly from National banks exchanging their circulation. Very few have yet come from remote points, which are now only beginning to be reached by the full prospectus. Advices from London indicate a large smbscription, but as the continent has not yet been heard from, there is no data upon which to estimate the aggregate applications. The five per cents. in London closed to-day at 112, and here at 113¾, or about ½ per cent. premium. Money was irregular, loaning as high as 1-16 per day, but closing easy at the bank 7 currency to 7 coin, at which rate most of the day's business was done. Sterling was firm; 109¾ @109¾. Gold was higher, ranging from 113¼ to 113¾, closing at 113¾@113¾. Loans 3@6 per cent. for carrying. Clearings $41,000,000. The Treasury disbursed $200,000. Governments were a trifle better, and steady. State bonds dull; Tennessees sellers. Railway mortgages were active and firmer. The stock market opened firm at an advance of ½@¾ per cent., but prices soon became irregular, and in the afternoon the market was weak and lower. There were immense transactions in Western Union, which opened at 90¾, and fluctuated to 90¾, 91, 89¾, 90¾, 89½, 90, 90¾, 89¾, 90¾, 89¾ and 89¼. Erie, next in point of interest, opened at 69¾, and fluctuated to 68¾, 68½, 67¾, 68, 67¾, 68, 67¾ and 68. Lake Shore ranged 95¾@ 96¾ and 95½; New York Central 106½ and 106¾; Pacific Mail, 73, 73¾, 72¾ and 72¾; Atlantic & Pacific 37¾ and 36¾; Ohio & Mississippi 29¾ and 29; Rock Island 113¾, 114 and 113¾; Wabash 74¾ and 73¾; Hartford and Erie 9¾ and 9; C. C. & I. C. 41¼ and 40¾; Union Pacific 36¾ and 36¾; North Western Common 84½, 85 and 84¾, and preferred 93½, 92¾ and 92¼. The market closed weak, except Erie.

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STOCKS.—Quicksilver, 37½; do preferred, 75; Union Telegraph, 89¾; Quicksilver, 44¼; Wells, Fargo & Co., 84; American Merchants Union Express, 69; United States Express, 78¾; Pacific Mail, 71¾; New York Central, 106¾; Erie, 68¾; do preferred, 80; Harlem, 120; do preferred, 125; Michigan Central, 110¾; Northwestern, 84¼; do preferred, 92¾; Rock Island 113¾; St. Paul, 74; do preferred, 79; Wabash, 73¾; do preferred, 85; Fort Wayne, 93¾; Chicago & Alton, 115¾; do preferred, 117; Ohio & Mississippi, 29; Cleveland, Columbus & Cincinnati, 92; Burlington & Quincy, 113½; Lake Shore, 95¾; Panama, 40¾; Illinois Central, 120; Union Pacific, 35¾; Central Pacific, 103; Union, 89; Delaware & Lackawanna, 102½; Hartford & Erie, 9¾.

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Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, February 4.—Flour firmer; west. ern superfine $5.75@5.87½; extra $7@8.50. Wheat unchanged. Corn dull and nominal. Oats firmer; mixed western 44@46c; white 47c. Rye quiet at 90@93c. Provisions quiet and firm. Mess pork $14.25@14.50. Bacon firm with a good demand; shoulders 5¼c; rib sides 7¾@8c; clear rib sides 8¼c. Western butter in good demand; choice roll 26@27c. Whisky weak at 93½c.

Toledo.

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Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, February 4.—Cotton quiet; low middling 19c. Wheat firm at $1.70@1.75. Corn firm at 42c. Oats firm at 36@38c. Rye firm at 85@90c. Mess pork $13. Bacon easy; shoulders 5½c; clear rib sides 7¾c. Hams: sugar cured 12@12½c. Bulk meats easy; shoulders 4¾c; clear sides 6¾c. Lard 8@8½@8¾c for choice leaf. Whisky firm at 88@89c.

Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, February 4.—Flour: demand fair and market firm. Wheat quiet and weak; No. 1 red winter held at $1.75; No. 2 do $1.70. Corn: demand fair and market firm at 45@46c. Oats: demand fair and prices advanced; No. 1 State 39c. Refined petroleum steady at 17½c for car lots, and 18@18½c for trade lots.

Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, February 4.—Flour very weak; superfine $5.50; extra $6.50@7.00. Wheat very dull; red $1.90@1.92; white $1.98@ 2.02. Rye 88c. Corn dull; yellow 59@60c; mixed 56c

WEEKLY GAZETTE.

The Constitutional Convention.

Section Relating to the Salaries of Legislators Adopted.

PHILADELPHIA, January 30, 1873.

Resolutions being in order, the following were read and referred to the proper committees:

VOTING AT ELECTIONS.

By Mr. Mantor (Crawford): No person authorized to vote under this Constitution shall be disfranchised, nor shall the right of suffrage be abridged, provided, however, that laws shall be passed by the first Legislature assembled after the adoption of this Constitution excluding from the right to vote all persons who shall receive or receive money or any other thing of value, or promise any consideration, place or office with the view of securing or preventing the election of any candidate for Federal, State or local office, or who may be convicted of buying or selling votes, or in any way preventing the purity of the ballot or the freedom of elections.

CONCERNING JURORS.

By Mr. Minor (Crawford): To authorize the Legislature to modify the existing rules as to the qualification of jurors, and if so, in what manner, and to what extent.

ELECTION OF SENATORS.

By Mr. Clark (Indiana): That Senators elected before the adoption of this Amended Constitution shall hold their offices for the terms for which they were elected respectively; and at the first election after the adoption of this amended Constitution, eleven Senators shall be elected by the qualified voters of the proper districts, as now constituted, to succeed those Senators whose terms of office then expire, to serve for two years. At the second general election after the adoption of the amended Constitution, eleven Senators shall be elected by the qualified voters of the proper districts as now constituted, to succeed those Senators whose terms of office expire, to serve for one year. And at the next general election then next ensuing, the whole number of Senators shall be chosen from the several districts throughout the State, as they shall be at that time constituted by law. At those elections the districts shall be numbered with odd numbers, to be elected for two years; and those Senators chosen from districts numbered with even numbers, to be elected for a full term of four years. And thereafter, as the terms of office of Senators shall expire, their successors shall be elected for a full term.

LEGISLATURE—TENTH SECTION DEFEATED.

The Convention then went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. Charles A. Black (Greene) in the chair. Debate was resumed on the Tenth Section of the Report on Legislature, which read as follows:

"Every member of the General Assembly before he enters upon his official duties shall take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation: 'I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and will honestly and faithfully discharge the duties of Senator (or Representative) according to the best of my ability, and I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not, directly or indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, or received, and that I will not accept or receive directly, or indirectly, any money or other valuable thing from any corporation, company, or person, for any vote or influence I may give, or withhold on any bill, resolution or appropriation, or for any other official act.'"

Mr. MacVeagh defended the section, as it came from the Committee, in an earnest speech.

Mr. Dallas was opposed to the oath in its present form, and thought it a disgrace.

Mr. H. W. Palmer offered an amendment, and advocated a change in the section.

Mr. Palmer withdrew his amendment, and the vote recurring on the adoption of the section, it was defeated.

ELEVENTH SECTION—FOR VIOLATION.

The Eleventh Section, as follows, was considered and adopted:

"The foregoing oath shall be administered by one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, in the hall of the House to which the member is elected, and the Secretary of State shall read and file the oath subscribed by each member; any member who shall refuse to take said oath shall be convicted of having sworn falsely to, or of having violated his said oath, shall forfeit his office and be disqualified thereafter from holding any office of trust or profit in this State."

TWELFTH SECTION—SALARIES OF MEMBERS.

The Twelfth Section, as follows, was considered:

"Each member of the General Assembly shall receive for such period of two years the sum of twelve hundred dollars, and mileage at the rate of ten cents for every mile traveled in going from their place of residence to their place of meeting, and no other allowance or perquisite, or other allowance or perquisite whatever, either for expenses or services, whether as a member of any committee, or other duty as a member of said General Assembly, and that mileage and expenses shall be allowed but once in any session of an election who gains his seat: *Provided*, That if the Governor shall convene the General Assembly in special session, each member shall receive ten dollars for each day of said session, with the same mileage as hereinbefore provided for the regular session."

Without coming to a vote on the section the Committee, on motion, rose, with permission to sit again to-morrow.

The Board of Public Charities submitted a paper on Prisons, &c., which was laid on the table.

On motion, the Convention adjourned.

PHILADELPHIA, January 31, 1873.

REMONSTRANCE FROM "FRIENDS."

A memorial was read from the religious Society of Friends, respecting military service, remonstrating against the provisions of the constitution upon that topic, as a violation of the religious rights of the Society, guaranteed by its founder, William Penn. The memorial is long, and recites the history and persecutions of the Society for the past two hundred years.

SECTARIAN SCHOOLS.

The following resolutions were offered:

By Mr. Newlin, that the Common School Fund shall never be divided for sectarian purposes. Referred.

SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.

By Mr. Brodhead—That the following article be incorporated in the amended constitution:

ARTICLE —. The seat of the State Government shall be fixed by the people. At the time and in the manner provided by law, there shall be a vote to vote for or against the Constitution the people shall also vote upon the location of the seat of the State Government at any one of the following places: Pittsburgh, Altoona, Harrisburg, Lancaster, Reading, Williamsport, Bethlehem, and Philadelphia. If a majority of all the votes cast be given for any one place, then such place shall thenceforth be the seat of the State Government; but if a majority be not given to any one place, then the place having the smallest number of votes shall be dropped from the list, and at the next ensuing general election the people shall again vote thereon.

PURITY OF THE BALLOT BOX.

By Mr. Struthers (Warren)—Securing the purity of elections, and guarding against corrupt practices in all the Departments of the Government, under penalties embracing forfeiture of office, disqualification to hold office, and by fine and imprisonment.

LEGISLATURE REPORT—SALARY OF LEGISLATORS.

The Convention then went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. Charles A. Black in the chair, and had under consideration the section reported by the Committee on Legislature fixing the salary of members of the Legislature, the question being on the amendment making the salary $700 instead of the $1,000 as reported.

Mr. Fell said that the salary of $700 would be more than enough for services of sixty days, and would be sufficient even though the session should be extended to ninety days.

Mr. Boyd said that he was in favor of the highest salaries proposed in the Convention, and argued, from the facts connected with the organization of the Credit Mobilier, that legislators should be freed from temptations to sell their votes for corrupt purposes.

Mr. Howard (Allegheny) was earnest in his opinions that our law-makers should be well paid for their services. Men who in their private business as doctors, merchants, or their private as lawyers, could make $5,000 to $10,000, or $15,000 per annum, were asked to go to the Legislature on the contemptible pittance of $700 to $1,200. To secure good and honest law-givers it is required to pay them well, or else wise corrupt men, who make politics their profession, and who are ready to take cheap salaries for the purpose of making money through the measure of bargain and sale to the highest bidders for their votes, will be secured.

Messrs. Ellis, Hunsicker, Farman, Manton and Cuyler urged the propriety of leaving the whole subject to be regulated by the Legislature.

Mr. Wetherill closed the debate, stating that there was a necessity for the adoption of the article as reported, making the salary $1,200. $50,275 were appropriated to the Senators last session. Their salary and mileage and necessary expenses amounted to $106,000. What became of the extra $17,500? $152,000 were appropriated to the Representatives, and their salary, mileage and extra expenses amounted to $196,000. What became of the extra $44,000? Here, then, we had a balance unaccounted for in the yearly expenditures of the two bodies amounting to nearly $17,000 in the Senate and from $40,000 in the House, or a clear total of $60,000, for which, perhaps, not a single member of the Legislature could account. He thought the salary should be fixed where it had been placed by the Committee.

Without coming to a vote, the Committee rose and reported progress, and the Convention adjourned till to-morrow.

PHILADELPHIA, February 1, 1873.

SUFFRAGE, ELECTIONS AND REPRESENTATION.

Mr. McAllister, Chairman of the Committee on Suffrage, Elections and Representation, made a supplementary and partial report, which was read and laid on the table. Among its provisions is one depriving any elector from voting who shall offer money to secure votes, or who shall accept money for his own vote. Also, that every person convicted of violation of the election laws shall be deprived of the right of suffrage.

In contested election cases no person shall be permitted to withhold his testimony upon the ground that it may criminate himself or subject him to public infamy, but such testimony shall not afterwards be used against him in any judicial proceeding.

Mr. J. W. F. White (Allegheny) and Messrs. Carter and Rooke presented minority reports, which were laid on the table.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE—PAY OF LEGISLATORS FURTHER DISCUSSED.

The Convention then went into Committee of the Whole on the twelfth section, respecting the pay of our legislators.

Mr. Smith (Berks) defended the Legislature against the onslaught made by members of the Convention, and did not think that the representatives of this great Commonwealth were ever overpaid.

W. H. Smith (Allegheny) thought the faith of his colleague in the integrity of the Legislature as great as that of the Scriptural injunction. He did not have that faith, and believed that the fixing of their own salaries should not be left to the members of the Legislature. He was in favor of, and should vote for, the section as it came from the committee.

A vote was then taken on Mr. Fell's amendment to fix the salary at $700, and it was defeated.

Mr. White (Indiana) offered an amendment to take the place of the section under consideration, which was debated at length by Messrs. White, Temple and others, and finally agreed to. It reads as follows:

The members of the General Assembly shall receive such salary and mileage for regular and special sessions as shall be fixed by law, and no other compensation or perquisite whatever, whether for services as a member of any committee or otherwise; but no member of either House shall, during the term for which he may have been elected, receive any increase of salary, compensation or mileage under any law passed during such period.

OTHER SECTIONS ADOPTED.

The thirteenth section, which provides that every elected or appointed to any office by the Legislature, shall discharge the duties of said office in person and not by proxy, was adopted.

Section fourteenth, providing that the Lieutenant Governor shall preside over the Senate, and the House elects its Speaker, was passed.

Sections fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen and nineteen were considered and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Mac Veagh, the Committee rose, and asked leave to sit again, after the reports on Suffrage and Legislation have been made to the Convention, when the Twentieth and Twenty-first Sections could be disposed of. The amendment to the Twentieth Section was referred to the Committee on Legislature, and ordered to be printed. Leave was given to the Committee of the Whole to sit on Monday week, to consider the Report on Legislature.

Adjourned until Monday.

HARRISBURG.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

HARRISBURG, January 31, 1873.

A RIDER ON THE LOCAL OPTION LAW.

The Senate this morning considered and passed Senator Rutan's supplemental local option bill, to remedy certain defects in the original law of last session. It legalizes elections that have been held on the question, and provides that in cities, boroughs, townships or counties which hold their annual local elections after the third Friday of March, elections shall be held on that day (the third Friday of March) on the question of license or no license. The intent of the bill is to legalize elections on the third, or on before the third Friday of March, in every part of the State. For instance, Allegheny, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, hold their local elections in the fall, but under this bill they will vote on license in March.

An amendment was added to the bill which provides in effect that the cities and counties shall vote separately. If the cities vote "no license," then license may be issued in the cities, without regard to the vote in the outside districts of the county. This amendment (offered by Senator Fitch) is in these words:

"And the votes for and against license in any city shall be separately certified to the court or board of license commissioners as the case may be; separate from the vote of the townships and boroughs in any county, wherein said city may be located; and if a majority vote of such city be against license, then license shall be granted for such city, but if a majority vote of such city is for license, then licenses may be granted for such city."

It is probable the bill will pass the House in this shape in a few days.

JURY SYSTEM IN ALLEGHENY COUNTY.

Mr. Young this morning presented a bill exempting Allegheny county from the operations of the general jury law of the State, by which jurors are selected by two Jury Commissioners, chosen by the people—one from each of the two parties. The bill proposes to return to the old system by which the County Commissioners have charge of drawing jurors. The system of drawing jurors by the new plan is held to have led to a large increase to professional jurymen in Allegheny county. A return to the old system is generally favored by the bar and bench of the county. Judges Collier are also anxious to be rid of the plan now in force in every county except Philadelphia. It was devised to keep politics out of the jury box, but it seems to have succeeded in putting it in, besides adding largely to the professional D. B. juryman. A better plan would be to authorize the Common Pleas Judges to appoint jury commissioners. They would be selected from the leading political caucus, for that is what the present system of election amounts to. The Philadelphia reformers are urging for their city a bill for the appointment of jury commissioners by the courts.

IMPROVEMENT OF THE OHIO RIVER.

A joint resolution presented in the Senate today by Senator Graham, passed both houses under the suspension of the rules, instructing our Senators and requesting our representatives to promote by all the means in their power, the objects of the Ohio River Improvement Commission, appointed by the Governors of States on that stream. The Commission of which General Moorhead is President, at its late meeting in Cincinnati, adjourned to meet in Washington during the present month, when it will submit to Congress the measure of legislation deemed necessary for the improvement of the river. Senator Graham's resolution is intended to strengthen the Commission before Congress.

SAM JOSEPHS ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

Sam Josephs, of Philadelphia, who, it is fair to presume, represents the Democratic wing of the opposition to Constitutional Reform, followed Speaker Ellis in a scurrilous attack upon the Convention, for the reflections indulged in by some of the delegates, in the Pennsylvania Legislature, of which Sam has been a shining light for a dozen years, and in which capacity he has made a record which, perhaps, he has no desire to have him up on a question of privilege. The reader can fill in the blank. These assaults on the Convention will do it no harm. Of course its reforms—if the people get what they are promised—will be something in the nature of a permanent "squelcher" on the lobby and the members who trade and barter on legislation with shameless effrontry. It is natural that they should grow restive, and exhibit their true colors. The whole gang of allied Republican and Democratic "roosters" is doomed, and a glorious riddance it will be for the State. ARCTIC.

POLITICAL.

Letter From Senator Pomeroy—An Investigation Desired.

ATCHISON, Ks., January 31.—*The Champion*, to-morrow, will contain the following letter from Senator Pomeroy, received from Topeka tonight, addressed to its editor:

Topeka, Ks., January 31, 1873.—Dear Sir: When you left Topeka I told you I would employ my first leisure in detailing to you, for the public, the precise nature of the malicious conspiracy organized for my defeat; but since then the parties to this conspiracy have summoned me before the court to answer to their charge. this is to say that before the judicial tribunal I, too, am desirous, and even anxious to appear, and have a full investigation and verdict, unbiased. I only ask a suspension of public judgment until a fair hearing can be had in the courts. That verdict will decide if a man has committed a crime and the measure of the guilty.

Truly yours, S. C. POMEROY.

A REPUBLICAN TRIUMPH IN FLORIDA.

TALLAHASSEE, January 31.—S. B. Conover, Republican, was elected United States Senator to-day on the fifth ballot, twenty-seven Democrats voting with the Republicans.

THE INDIANS.

That "Big Talk" With Captain Jack of the Modocs.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 2.—Little prospect exists, of any practicable adjustment of the Modoc difficulty. Last Thursday Fairchild, Dorris and several others went, by invitation of Captain Jack, to have a "big talk." The place was on the top of a high hill, overlooking the lava bed. They were accompanied by a number of Indians. She went to Captain Jack and told him if he wanted to have a talk, he must go to the top of the hill, and he would meet Dorris and Fairchild there. Jack would not go. The Indians on the hill ran away. Captain Jack wanted them men to come to his camp. This they refused to do. Jack said they must come half way. Fairchild refused again, but sent word that Jack could come to his camp within two days; if not, then he must fight again.

General Galom's command was half way over the mountain, and would reach headquarters on Tuesday.

Address by Vice President Colfax on Temperance.

NEW YORK, February 3.—A Baltimore special says that at a temperance address delivered by Vice President Colfax last Saturday night, the reception was the greatest on point of numbers and enthusiasm ever held in that city. Judge Daniels, chairman of the meeting, in introducing Mr. Colfax, alluded to his purity of character and the failure of the attempt to connect him with the Credit Mobilier, upon which there was immediate cheering.

When Mr. Colfax commenced speaking the applause was great. The greeting he had received, he said, was gratifying, because it showed that they believed that during his public life, and the last twelve next month, he had sought to stand right in the sight of God, whether the world judged him wrong or not. Mr. Colfax then went on to speak of the evils of intemperance, and the best methods of temperance legislation. Alluding to himself, he said the world was full of human trials, crime, suffering, full of wars, disease, breaking hearts and full of unjust aspersions, that it is sometimes hard to bear, unless the ruined are conscious of rectitude. [Loud applause.]

THE OLD WORLD.

GREAT BRITAIN.

THE NORTHFIELD DISASTER.

LONDON, January 31.—A telegraphic dispatch to the Lloyds, from their agent at Cadiz, states that it was the Spanish steamer Murillo which ran into and sunk the emigrant ship Northfleet, off the Dungeness light house, on the night of the 22d instant. The steamship, however, was not sunk herself, as was at first reported, but has arrived at Cadiz in safety. Her destination was Lisbon, for which port she had a cargo, but upon entering that harbor she was signalled not to land, as there is an extradition treaty between Portugal and Great Britain, under which the officers would have been surrendered to the British authorities to answer charges brought against them. She subsequently put to sea again and proceeded to Cadiz, as there is no extradition between Great Britain and Spain. The Murillo sustained no damage by the collision. Her officers and crew will soon be examined at Cadiz in relation to the disaster.

TERRIBLE STORM.

LONDON, February 2.—The British Isles were visited last night by one of the most violent storms ever experienced even at this season of the year. It was of extraordinary depth in the city and country. Tabs this morning it was six inches deep in the streets of London. Travel was almost wholly suspended. Omnibuses and cabs ceased running, and scarcely a vehicle of any description has been seen in the streets.

In the provinces the snow fall was much heavier, and in the extreme north the drifts were several feet deep. The gale raged with great fury all around the English and Irish coasts. Many wrecks have already been reported, and there has been a fearful loss of life, especially off Torquay and around Shelly.

The steamer Clan Alpine went ashore during the night on Black Head and became a total wreck. It is feared all on board are lost. The ship Arran was wrecked on the Irish coast, near Balleygan, and fourteen of her crew drowned.

SPAIN.

THE INSURRECTION SPREADING.

PARIS, January 31.—No mails have been received from Spain for two days. The Orleans Railway Company has been notified that railroad traffic in the north of Spain is interrupted by the Carlist insurrection. The Spanish companies advise merchants to send forward no more freight at present, as the running of regular trains is temporarily suspended.

The *Courier* newspaper of Bayonne says it is reported that Don Carlos occupies the magnificent viaduct on the Northern Railway at Orbaistegui, and is ready to blow it up if hard pressed by the royal forces. Several trains have been fired into by Carlists and obstacles placed on the tracks.

GERMANY.

THE RUSSO-BRITISH TROUBLE.

BERLIN, February 2.—The *Vossische Zeitung* of this city demonstrates that the Russian forces in Central Asia are strong enough to defy any attack of the British to check their progress, and England is powerless. Russia is only waiting for a false step on the part of England.

THE NEW LOAN.

The Proposition of the Syndicate.

Regulations for Subscribers—The Books to be Opened February 4th—The Terms upon which the New Bonds may be Secured.

NEW YORK, January 31, 1873.—The Syndicate, Messrs. Jay Cooke & Co. and others, having in charge the remainder of the new funded loan of $300,000,000, have issued a circular announcing that they are ready to receive applications at par and accrued interest for any part of the loan, applications to be made payable either in cash or in gold, or in 5-20 bonds, the latter being adjusted up to February 1, 1873.

The new bonds are in denomination from $50 to $10,000, with some registry bonds as high as $25,000 and $50,000. The interest is payable quarterly, commencing February 1, 1873,—one quarter's interest being now due. They may be registered at the option of the holder, and U. S. Treasury checks for interest will be forwarded to the holder. Applications may be made at any of the offices of the Syndicate. Payments are made as follows:

Five per cent. on application; five per cent. on allotment; forty per cent. on May 1st; fifty per cent. on June 1st. When preferred the deposit upon application may be made in currency or any United States bonds, the holder of the United States, save 5-20s, will be rewarded to the subscribers as soon as possible after the closing of the books. Should the subscriptions exceed three hundred millions, and the allotment of bonds to each subscriber not equal the amount asked for, the excess of deposit will be forthwith returned.

The Jury in the Wharton Case Discharged.

ANNAPOLIS, February 3.—In the Wharton trial, the jury, who had been out since Friday, entered this morning and announced that they were unable to agree. They were discharged. They stood eight for conviction and four for acquittal.

WEATHER.

In the article on weather, in the GAZETTE, January 6th reads: Indications from 30th December to 29th of January.

"A stormy, changeable month, more disagreeable, rain, cold atmosphere, than severe cold, a few sudden cold snaps: cloudy and variable days; lightsen; rain, twelve; snow, five; sunshine and fair, eleven; storms beginning between sunset and sunrise. Not as complexion like the January of 1858, but more stormy weather, and changeable." The record reads: cloudy and variable days, twenty-one; rain, seven; snow, eight; rain and snow; one; clear and fair, eight; daily average of thermometer 33 5-10; maximum, 58 on 16th inst; minimum, seventeen on the 10th and 11th; rain and melted snow, 3 16-100 inches; average height of river seven feet.

In December the daily average of cold was 27 5-100; in January 33 5-100. The winter for snow and cold is but little more severe than that of 1864 and '65. Average thermometer of January, 1865, was 25 and 28 degrees colder than 1873.

A drought, from June 20th to July 28th, 1861, came very near destroying the crops; on the 25th of July a general rain pervaded the country from Connecticut to Kentucky, and changed the face of nature, and brought on a solid and exuberant growth. The river in August was eight to ten feet; in September, thirteen feet; and eight inches of rain fell, which does not usually produce more than one and a half inches, and gave 1½ inches, which was dry, and gave an opportunity for the crops and fruit to ripen. Vegetation and forest leaves died naturally without being cut off by premature frosts. There were a larger number of terrific thunder showers, and the heaviest was on December 9th.

It may be said, the summer had crowded on to the fall, as regards rain, heat and sultriness. The winter of 1864 and '65 entrance was in order and natural, and may be considered protracted; and in order and completion alike to 1872 and '73, both having the same experience, vegetation dying naturally, without the intervention of frosts. By record, such summers and falls are generally succeeded by a regular natural and severe winter. So, a very wet, or wet and hot summer is succeeded by a severe winter, also a very dry summer is a prelude to a severe winter.

INDICATIONS.

From 27th Jan.- to 26th of Feb. point to: Twenty-three cloudy and variable days, seventeen of snow or rain, seven of fair and clear. A strong, changeable, cold, disagreeable month. The storm is likely to begin in daylight, or between sunrise and sunset. December and January predicted they would occur, between sunset and sunrise, which was wholly verified in Dec. and to January, with the exceptions of two storms, about 24th to 27th inst., which began at 6 to 8 A. M. If the present storm should run into discharging rain for a short period as copious as a thunder shower, the wind will go to the northwest after check a threatened flood; if it continues steady gentle raining all night, there is a danger of a flood. G. A.

ANOTHER MISSING MAN.

A Pretty German Woman Searching for a Missing Husband and Seven Hundred Dollars.

To the already numerous sad stories of desertion and abandonment, which are told to the authorities by those seeking redress, another was added last evening. About eight o'clock a very pretty young German girl, apparently about twenty years old, came into the Mayor's office, and enquiring after an officer, she poured into the sympathetic ear of Detective Long the record of her wrongs. She lived in Rochester, Pa., where she was married a little about a year. The first part of her matrimonial life passed off pleasantly, but lately those little domestic discords which destroy the harmony of married life, had greatly increased, and on Thursday last words came almost to blows. On that day the husband disappeared, the wife knew not where. She strongly suspected, however, that he had shipped for his native land, as others, previous to his disappearance, he had spoken of his intention of visiting Germany. He took with him all his wife's best clothes and those of the child. He possessed the sum of seven hundred dollars, which was deposited in the Germania Savings Bank, of this city. His wife very naturally supposed that, if his intention was to sail for Germany, he would come by way of Pittsburgh, and draw the money from the bank. Accordingly, accompanied by her father, she left home yesterday afternoon, but reached the city after the bank had closed. Without giving her name the young woman and her father left the office, promising to call this morning, when, if the money is found to be gone, a dispatch will be sent to New York for the arrest of the truant husband.

....Mention was made in Saturday's GAZETTE of the woman from Rochester who came to this city in search of her missing husband. On Saturday morning she visited the savings bank and found that her husband had drawn out the seven hundred dollars, and the conclusion is that he has left for Germany. Telegrams were sent to New York to have him detained, but no answer has been received.

....A man named Thomas Lee was instantly killed at the iron mill of Kimberly, Carnes & Co., Sharon, on Thursday, by being caught and drawn through the rolls, mashing his body to a jelly.

FIENDISH ROBBERS.

A Pittsburgh Peddlar Robbed of His Money and Left Insensible on the Railroad Track.

A most cold-blooded attempt at robbery and murder was made at Connellsville on Thursday night, though the designs of the wretches were only accomplished in part, and the supposed perpetrators have since been arrested. The victim, Morris Loom, is a peddlar, in the employ of L. Londrosky, and lives at No. 86 Virgin alley. He had started to walk to Dawson's Station, about eight miles distant, and had not gone more than half a mile when he was assailed by two men, who first knocked him down and then beat him on the head with stones. The victim was then robbed of one hundred and eighteen dollars in money, and his package of goods, after which the fiends, supposing him to be in a dying condition, dragged him to the railway track, placing the body in such a condition that it would be mutilated by the next train passing that point. Fortunately a deaf and dumb man, residing near the place, discovered the man, and after dragging him out of reach of danger, called assistance and has him removed to Goldsmith's store in Connellsville. Pysicians were summoned and an examination of the wounds were made. Twelve contused wounds were found on his head, and bruises were also found on various parts of the body. After the injuries were dressed Loom was removed to the Smith House where is now lying. He is being attended by Dr. Nickel, and although his injuries are severe, his recovery is confidently expected.

As soon as the police were informed of the affair, officers Bender and Miller commenced operations to find the perpetrators. Suspicion rested on Thomas Hepler and Robert Sims, both residents of Connellsville, and on Friday morning, officer Bender succeeded in arresting both of the men named. An information charging the parties with felonious assault and battery and robbery, was made before Squire Reed, of the borough, and the accused had a hearing before that magistrate. The evidence adduced was sufficient to warrant the magistrate in committing the parties to jail for trial, and they were taken to Uniontown Saturday morning by officers Bender and Miller. After the hearing twelve dollars and fifty cents was found in one of the defendant's boots. The goods stolen have not yet been recovered.

A TEACHER'S ECCENTRICITIES.

How He Punishes His Pupils—Trial at Oil City.

The Oil City *Derrick* states that T. B. Alcorn, a School Teacher, is charged with advising a Miss Rosa Moore, a very prepossessing young lady about sixteen years of age, who was a pupil of his at Petroleum Centre, to marry Darling, who had been out the defendant asked her, in school time, if she was whispering. She answered "no sir." He asked her again, and she answered the same way. He asked her a third time, and one replied very loudly, "No sir." He then went to her seat and took hold of her roughly, and tried to pull her out. She held on to the seat, and he couldn't move her. He went to the black-board and took a birch rod that had been used for a pointer, and went at her angrily and tried several times to strike her. She grasped the rod and broke it. He then pulled her forcibly from the seat in front of the room, and got a hickory pointer like a whip stock, and attempted to strike; she seized that, and he tried to pull it from her; in the struggle she fell, either tripping or being pushed by him. He held her down by taking one of her arms below her breast, and to make her let go of the stick struck his fist against her knuckles and scratched her hands with his thumb nail and rubbed his thumb roughly against her fingers. On his saying he didn't want to hurt her, she let go of the stick and he allowed her to rise. He then said that she must apologize to him. She replied that if she had ever been impertinent to him she was sorry for it, but she was not sorry for having defended herself. He said that wouldn't do, she would have to apologize for all, to which she answered that she would not. He sent to her seat, and heard Miss Moore refuse to get up and go to him to apologize. She begged to be allowed to go home, but he insisted upon an apology. She asked him if he wanted her to tell a lie; he said he should have an apology or she should be punished. She refused to apologize, and he struck her repeatedly with a rod over her back and shoulders. She took her books and went home.

Her father testified to wounds upon the young girl's hands, as though she had been made over cas, and to her dress and clothing being torn. The case was not concluded at the adjournment of the court. There are a number of other witnesses to be examined. Miss Moore is the daughter of a minister.

FIREMAN KILLED.

Accident on the Fort Wayne Road.

On Thursday morning as passenger train number six on the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad, was nearing Mansfield, Ohio, on its way east. The locomotive and tender went through a bridge which had broken rail. The balance of the train, however, remained on the track, and none of the passengers were in any way injured. The fireman unfortunately did not fare so well. He was attending to his duties, and was on the tender at the time of the accident. The shock threw him off. He was caught between the engine and tender, his shoulders and chest were crushed, resulting in his death, yesterday morning. The body was taken to Fort Wayne, Indiana, Ohio, and sent their surgeon to attend him. Everything was done for him that kindness could suggest, but he lingered some fifteen hours in great suffering, when death came to his relief. He is spoken of by the road as a careful and steady young man, who was well-liked.

Broken rails are plentiful on all the roads this weather, and the officers of this road have issued stringent orders to their employes to run carefully and keep a sharp look-out for broken rails, and prevent all accidents.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

The Returns for January.

The county officers yesterday in accordance with the provisions of the fee bill, made their returns to Controller Warner as follows:

Coroner West	$ 120 00
District Attorney Payne	1,066 30
Clerk of Orphan's Court	240 75
Register Gray	464 68
Recorder Richardson	2,063 50
Jno. Hamilton, Sheriff	1,000 00

The fees collected by Sheriff Souris for the month of January, 1873, were $1,000, which was the amount of his returns in to-day—their list not having been fully complete. The returns from the Sheriff's office show a great falling off, and it is stated will not be sufficient to pay the salaries.

Coroner's Report for January.

The Coroner's report for the month of January is as follows: January 3, Twenty-eighth ward, Pittsburgh, Alexander Simpson, intemperance, died in Birmingham look-up. January 4, Third ward, Daniel Root, suicide from arsenic. January, 6, Robinson township, Dennis Bowman, accidentally killed on Pan Handle Railroad. January 7, Sixth ward, Allegheny, Wm. Hanson, died from intemperance and exposure. January 7, Sixth ward, Allegheny, James Bond, killed by train at outer depot of Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railway. January 13, Robinson township, Henry Hendricks, killed by train at Coraopolis

FORTY-SECOND CONGRESS.

(THIRD SESSION.)

A Bill Raising the Salaries of the President and Vice President—The Senate Finance Committee's Substitute for Buckingham's Banking Bill Considered—Senator Morton's Views on the Same—Credit Mobilier Testimony Submitted.

WASHINGTON, February 4, 1873.

SENATE.

RAISING THE PRESIDENT'S SALARY.

Mr. HILL introduced a bill raising the salary of the President of the United States to $50,000, and that of the Vice President to $10,000, and asked immediate consideration.

Mr. SHERMAN objected, and the bill was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

CONSOLIDATING NATIONAL BANKS.

Mr. SHERMAN introduced a bill to authorize the consolidation of two or more National banks.

BANKING BILL.

Consideration of the Finance Committee's substitute for the Buckingham banking bill was resumed.

Mr. THURMAN said the amount of greenbacks to be retired (exchanged for bonds bearing five per cent. interest) was $356,000,000, and he was unable to see what advantage it would be to the United States to pay eighteen millions interest annually on bonds which greenbacks would be exchanged. The effect of this bill, he said, would be to favor the creditor class, and make it more difficult for every debtor to pay his debt.

Mr. MORTON said this could not properly be called a bill to resume specie payments, because it left it optional with the Secretary of the Treasury to redeem greenbacks either in coin, or in another promise (a United states bond), which may or may not be equal to coin. A bill leaving it optional with the Secretary of the Treasury to redeem greenbacks in coin or in something else was not a bill to resume specie payments, and did not carry out the theory of the chairman of the Finance Committee (Sherman) about a greenback, that it is a promise to pay a dollar in gold for a dollar expressed on its face. This bill would undoubtedly be favorable to bankers and brokers in the great cities, but it ought to be the object of making greenbacks equal to coin by the 1st of January, 1874, it would thereby add twelve per cent. to the value of all debts and increase to that extent the difficulty of paying them. He knew that something of that kind must take place whenever we should resume specie payments, but this bill would operate too suddenly. Two years was the shortest time within which such change should be effected, and to shorten the time would be to disturb the financial affairs of the country. If this bill should pass, the most profitable business in which anybody could engage during the next eleven months would be the hoarding of greenbacks. The bill offered capitalists a premium for refusing to loan money. Much had been said about "elastic currency," "a flexible currency," but he did not believe in it. During the last four years there had been general prosperity and less speculation and gambling than at any other period since 1837, and one great cause of this prosperity was the fact that the quantity of currency is fixed and cannot be increased without the action of Congress; but this bill would put it in the power of private bankers to increase the currency at their own pleasure, and would thereby greatly facilitate "corners" and other like operations. As to free banking, it might be safe when specie payment was permanently restored, but certainly not before.

Mr. THURMAN's amendment reducing the interest on bonds to be exchanged for greenbacks from five to two per cent. was lost.

Mr. BUCKINGHAM moved to amend the first section so as to provide that the Secretary of the Treasury may re-issue notes or greenbacks so received, or if they are cancelled, may issue United States notes to meet current payments for public service, and the principal of any United States bonds to be paid hereafter, which payable in coin, shall, on demand by the holder thereof, be paid by the Secretary of the Treasury in legal tender notes and interest thereon in coin.

Mr. BUCKINGHAM, in reply to Mr. Morton, said that elastic currency was desirable and necessary in order to avoid the occasional embarrassment of the business country.

Mr. SCOTT offered an amendment to the amendment providing that 20 per cent. of the greenbacks received for bonds shall be retained and permanently retired from circulation, provided the amount so retired shall not exceed three millions a month. He hoped this amendment, he said, because he believed it was not possible to return to specie payment without reducing the volume of currency.

Mr. FENTON's amendment was rejected.

CREDIT MOBILIER TESTIMONY.

The President pro tem. laid before the Senate a message from the House of Representatives, transmitting a copy of the testimony taken in the Credit Mobilier investigation. The Clerk of the House offered and delivered a copy of the testimony taken before one of the Committees, whereupon it was ordered to the Senate.

Mr. PATTERSON moved for the appointment of a select committee of five to consider the matter in the testimony relating to members of the Senate, with power to send for persons and papers. Agreed to.

Mr. Buckingham's amendment to the finance bill was rejected—yeas 19, nays 41.

The Senate went into executive session, and soon after adjourned.

HOUSE.

EVIDENCE IN THE CREDIT MOBILIER INVESTIGATION.

Mr. POLAND, of the Committee on the Credit Mobilier, presented evidence taken, and moved that it be printed for the use of the House. It was so ordered.

He also offered a resolution that evidence affecting a member of the Senate be referred to that body. Adopted.

REMITTED DUTIES.

Mr. DAWES, of the Committee on Ways and Means, reported the bill to remit the duties on goods destroyed by the Boston fire.

Mr. FARWELL moved to include those merchants who lost goods in the Chicago fire. Objection was made, and the bill was not received.

INDIAN DEPARTMENT REPORT.

Mr. SARGENT, of the Conference Committee on the Indian appropriation bill, made a report, which was adopted.

INVALID PENSIONS.

The House proceeded to the consideration of bills reported from the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

MONTANA WAR CLAIMS.

The House then took up, and passed the bill for the payment of Montana war claims.

Adjourned.

The Soldiers' Colony Movement.

PHILADELPHIA, February 4.—The soldiers' colony movement, inaugurated at the mass meeting on January 18th, is receiving great impetus. General George Cadwalader has accepted the trusteeship, and will be aided by John S. Gallagher, Thos. A. Scott, President of the Texas and Pacific Railroad, Jay Cooke, and his associates of the Northern Pacific Railroad, and many of our prominent citizens.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Police Protection in East Liberty.

To the Editors of the Pittsburgh Gazette.

As an item that may be of interest to your readers, I herewith give the district of two police officers in East Liberty, to show you how well we are protected in this vicinity: Officer J. L. Stokely's beat is from McFarland's Grove to Point Breeze, one mile; from Point Breeze to East Liberty depot, one mile; Larimer avenue and Spring street, one and a half miles; Lincoln and Frankstown avenues, one mile; Shady Lane, Dennison avenue and Walnut street, one mile, making in all five miles and a half of ground to cover. It takes him three hours to put out his lamps. Unless he is omnipresent he cannot well prevent robberies on his beat.

Michael Doyle's beat is from the Methodist Church to Cemetery gate, two miles; Wineb ddle avenue and return, one mile; Highland avenue and return, one mile; Station street, one half mile; Mill street and return, one mile, making a total of five miles and a half. How well our portion of the city is guarded with police officers thus distributed, you can judge for yourself.

EAST END.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 1, 1873.

Problem Answered.

To the Editors of the Pittsburgh Gazette:

In your issue of to-day I see a problem by John Smith, Jr., in regard to a legacy, and desiring an early answer. According to the tenor of the will the daughter must receive *one half as much* as the mother, and the son *as much* as the mother. Now, giving the daughter (who receives the least) one dollar, the mother must receive two dollars, and the son also two dollars, which together makes five dollars, or which is the same thing the daughter receives, 1-5 of the estate, the mother 2-5 and the son 2-5, which together makes 5-5 or the whole estate.

Now, 1-5 of $4,500 is $900, daughter's share; 2-5 of $4,500 is $1,800, mother's share; 2-5 of $4,500 is $1,800, son's share.

This result is obtained from the conclusion that each is legally bound, and that all must have a legal share, which can only be proportioned to the bequest. J. G. R.

To the Editors of the Pittsburgh Gazette:

PITTSBURGH, January 30th, '73.

In this morning's daily GAZETTE I see an arithmetical problem which I think you will find a correct solution below, taking the girl for a basis.

First let X equal the amount the girl is to receive, then we find that as the boy is to receive ½ and the girl ½, then the boy receives X plus ½; then the mother receives the balance or ½ equal 2X, then we have X plus 1½ X plus 2 X equal 4½ X equal $4,500. Hence X or the amount the girl is to receive is $1,000. Boy receives 1½ times the amount of the girl or $1,500. Then the mother receives 2 times the girl's amount or $2,000.

Answer.—Mother equals $2,000; girl, $1,000; boy, $1,500. Yours truly,

DAVID CARROL,
Pupil 4th Ward School.

To the Editors of the Pittsburgh Gazette.

The distribution of John Smith's estate as determined by algebraic process would give

The widow	$1,800
The son	1,800
The daughter	900
Total	$4,500

JOE.

To the Editors of the Pittsburgh Gazette:

In answer to John Smith's interrogatory in your Thursday's issue, I would say that the will he had reference to, where there were twins born and only one provided for in the will, the law will presume as though the other were forgotten, and give to such child as though there was no will. E. LAWSON.

January 31st, 1873.

HOME NEWS.

Additional Returns.

Yesterday the following additional returns from county officers were filed with Controller Warner:

Prothonotary Ross	$2,261 75
Sheriff Hare	530 12

An Insurance Case.

John Helbling appeared before Alderman Smith, of Allegheny yesterday and charged Lewis Robel, who is acting as agent for the Peoria Mutual Benefit Association, of Illinois, with a misdemeanor in not complying with a law of this State in regard to depositing money for security of its policy holders with the State Treasurer.

Died Suddenly.

Yesterday, an old man, named John Hilbert, died very suddenly, at his home, on Thirteenth street, Twenty-eighth ward. While sitting in a chair, about four o'clock, yesterday afternoon, Mr. Hilbert suddenly fell over on the floor and expired in a very few minutes. Deceased was eighty-two years of age. It is supposed that his death was caused by apoplexy. The coroner has been notified to hold an inquest.

Found Afloat.

The body of a man was found floating on a cake of ice in the Ohio river yesterday near the lower ferry boat. It was taken to the Allegheny side and the Coroner notified. He is supposed to be the man who fell through the ice near the lead works about a month ago. He appeared to have been in the water some time. Apparently about thirty-five years of age, had chin whiskers and dressed in black clothes.

List of Letters Held for Postage.

Chas. Barr, Allegheny, Pa., 3c; Emma E. Bronson, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2c; Miss Sue Boiley, Londonsville, O., 3c; Miss Anna Haslett, McKeesport, Pa., 3c; H. Hissick, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2c; Miss Bella Sarene, McKeesport, Pa., 3c; Richie Leyroon, Wilkins, Pa., 2c; Wm. H. Merrick, Philadelphia, Pa., 3c; Miss H. K. McClong, Millville, New Jersey, 3c; Robt. McClelland, Castasangua, Pa., 3c; Miss Mcquiud, Lock No. 1, 2c.

A Good Officer for a Good Institution.

On the first inst. the M. L. I. and Improvement Trust Co., one of the most successful banking and Real Estate institutions in the city, chose M. H. Rosenberg as Treasurer vice R. C. Parke resigned. Many of our readers being stockholders or having business with this company will be glad to hear of this excellent selection. Mr. Rosenberg has had ample experience, and we are sure will give satisfaction in his new position.

Suicide in Butler County.

A well known farmer of Butler county, Adam Stewart, committed suicide on last Saturday, near Bakerstown, by shooting himself through the head. A brief note, which read: "I end my days on February 1st, at twelve o'clock," was the only explanation for the dreadful deed that was left. It is supposed, however, that domestic trouble was the cause of the self destruction. The family of the deceased were away from home at the time, and were horrified beyond description at the discovery.

Church Dedication.

The building erected by the United Presbyterian Congregation, at Bellevue, was formally opened for public worship on Sabbath, February 2. There were three services held during the day. That in the morning was conducted by the Rev. J. Witherspoon; in the afternoon by the Rev. W. J. Reid, and in the evening by the Rev. A. M. Milligan. There was a good attendance at each service. The Methodists and Presbyterians did not have any services during the day, in order to take part in the exercises, which were of a very interesting character. The day will be long remembered with pleasure by those present.

Revenue Returns.

The following is an abstract of the collections made during the month of January, by Thomas W. Davis, Collector of Internal Revenue, in the Twenty-second district:

Total Collections on Spirits		$20,927 87
" "	Tobacco	23,687 02
" "	Ferm'd. Liquors.	10,319 59
" "	Banks & Bankers	38,644 54
" "	Income	1,517 53
" "	Not otherwise provided for	71 58
Total collections, etc., collected		116 31
Grand total		$95,284 35

Massillon & Cleveland Railroad.

The annual meeting of the Massillon & Cleveland Railroad Company was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., at Massillon, Ohio, at which time an election was held for a Board of Directors to serve during the ensuing year. This election resulted in the choice of the following named persons, viz: G. W. Cass, J. N. McCullough; Thos. D. Messler and W. Stewart, Pittsburgh; Kent Jarvis and J. G. Warwick, of Massillon and Daniel P. Eells, of Cleveland. The Board subsequently met, and organized by electing Thomas D. Messler, President and F. M. Hutchinson, Secretary and Treasurer.

Board of Revision.

Yesterday morning the Board of Revision met in the Common Council chamber, Mr. James Irvin presiding. The object of the meeting was to perfect the organization, and to provide for rules for the government of the Board. On motion of Mr. Irvin the following members were appointed a committee on rules: Messrs. Strain, Lewis, McKelvey, Newman, Wencke, Alexander and Speer.

The Finance Committee reported that the report for ten thousand dollars, which the Committee had asked from Councils, had been granted. Some discussion ensued on the question of the instructions issued by the Assessor to persons having property assessed. It was intimated that the people did not understand the instructions, and a motion was made to have them printed, but the motion was afterwards withdrawn. The Board then adjourned to meet on Tuesday next, at 10 o'clock A. M.

A Literary Treat in Store.

For several seasons the Library Committee have made earnest efforts to secure a lecture from that eminent journalist and polished speaker, George William Curtis, Esq., but without success until this season. On to-morrow (Thursday) evening Mr. Curtis will deliver his lecture on "Sir Philip Sidney, the Gentleman," in Library Hall. The success which Mr. Curtis has won as the writer of the "Easy Chair" articles in *Harper's Monthly*, the brilliant editorials in *Harper's Weekly*, together with a vast amount of other literary work equally good, is that of the most cultured and forcible writer of America. But his abilityas a lecturer is by no means inferior to his power and grace as a writer. We anticipate that Mr. Curtis will be greeted by one of the largest and best audiences which has assembled in Library Hall this winter, and that the coming lecture will be "the event" of the season.

Enjoyable Occasion.

On Monday evening the Sunday School connected with St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Eleventh ward, had a pleasant social gathering in the hall of the Eleventh ward school house. About two hundred persons were present, consisting of the scholars, and their parents and friends. The Rev. Mr. Crumpton opened the proceedings with prayer, and several carols were sung by the children. The Magic Lantern exhibition was next in order, which exceedingly well entertained all present, old and young. Ice-cream, cakes and candies were distributed in plentiful abundance, and at the close each scholar was presented with a handsome and valuable book and a box of assorted candies. The children are loud in their praises of Mr. Orlando McCarthy, who so generously furnished the means for their enjoyment, and Mr. William Barnes, the Superintendent, through whose untiring zeal the entertainment was made a success.

THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

The First Month Under the New Fee Bill.

Considerable interest has been felt in the returns of fees from the Sheriff's office for the past month, as the office since the first of January has fallen under the provisions of the new fee bill. Yesterday Sheriff Hare completed his returns, and the aggregate showed the monthly sent total of $3,881, which is about $1,500 less than the expenses of the office and the salaries. The business transacted at the office during January is as large as the average amount, and if it may be taken as a criterion, the outlook for the future in the way of remuneration for Sheriff Hare is not of a exceedingly cheerful character. Under the provisions of the new fee bill the Sheriff receives no salary save that which may accrue from fees after all expenses are paid, but the salaries of the clerks are guaranteed by the county, so that if there is a deficiency in this respect, the county is obliged to foot the bill, as will be the case for the first month of the present year. If the returns continue at this rate, the prospect for Sheriff Hare to "work or nothing and pay his board" is very encouraging.

THE SUKES RUN SEWER.

Another Citizens Meeting Last Night.

The citizens of the Sixth ward held an adjourned meeting last night at the Ann street school house, to consider further the assessment for the Sukes Run sewer. Mr. R. W. Pier occupied the chair, and James McSwiggen acted as Secretary. Mr. Pier stated that the object of the meeting was for the purpose of protesting against the assessment for the Sukе's Run sewer. Messrs. White and Malone reported for the committee appointed at a previous meeting to confer with the Street Committee, that the Street Committee had appointed a committee of five to meet a committee of the citizens at the brewery of Pier, Dannals & Co., on next Saturday at two o'clock.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Armstrong, Cupples, O'Brien, Piers and Keebler, was appointed to meet the Street Committee, and was instructed to report the proposition of the Street Committee at the next meeting of the citizens.

On motion a committee consisting of Messrs. Frank P. Case, M. L. Malone and H. McMaster was appointed to procure a copy of all assessments for sewers on Ann street and Sukе's Run, and also the ordinances under which they were put down.

A number of those present signed an agreement to pay a *pro rata* share of the expenses in contesting the legality of the assessment, if necessary.

After some further discussion upon the question at issue, the meeting adjourned to meet on Tuesday evening, at half-past seven o'clock.

Carpenters and Master Builders.

A meeting of Carpenters and Master Builders of Pittsburgh and Allegheny will be held on Thursday evening, at seven o'clock, in Turner's Hall. By order of the Association. 2

PITTSBURGH COUNCILS.

Special Meeting Yesterday.

New Members of the Board of Guardians of the Poor—Reports of Committee Organizations—The Water Bonds Interest Again—The New Rules for Councils—Legislation Authorized for the Water Commission—More Legislation for the South Side—General Routine Business.

Pittsburgh Councils held a special meeting yesterday afternoon, February 4th, 1873, in accordance with the act of Assembly, to elect members of the Board of Guardians of the Poor.

SELECT COUNCIL.

A. H. GROSS.....President.
E. S. MORROW.....Clerk.

Present, Messrs. Adams, Ahl, Aiken, Atterbury, Burgwin, Chaimer, Chess, Dannells, Doyle, Elder, Foster, Galvin, Hays, House, Hunter, Jeremy, E. P. Jones, Kernan, Kline, Lally, Lauffman, Lloyd, Littell, Marshall, Morrow, McCandless, McCarthy, McClurg, McCune, McDonald, McMahon, Och, O'Neil, Pearson, Rafferty, Shayburn, Riddell, Schultz, Scully, Seely, Shipton, Smith, Walters, Watson Zern and President Gross.

GUARDIANS OF THE POOR.

President GROSS then read a communication of Mr. George Fortune, Secretary of the Guardians of the Poor, stating that there were two vacancies in the Board, occasioned by the expiration of the terms of Messrs. David Fitzsimmons and Wm. McKee.

Mr. MORROW moved to go into an election to fill the vacancies. Carried.

Messrs. Daniel Fitzsimmons and Wm. Beck were nominated and elected by acclamation.

The Chair then named Messrs. McCarthy and Chess as auditors of the accounts of the Board.

Mr. SHIPTON then moved to suspend the rules and take up the reports from Committees where they had left off at last meeting. Carried.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATIONS.

Mr. LLOYD presented the report of the Committee on Markets for December. Received and filed.

The Clerk presented the report of the Committee on on City Property, showing the election of Mr. Wm. Phillips as Chairman of the Committee. Received and filed.

Mr. RIDDELL presented the report of the Committee on Markets showing their organization by the election of Mr. John W. Riddell as Chairman. The Committee then proceeded to the appointment of market constables as follows: Diamond market, Andrew J. Moon, John W. Rigley; South Side markets, Phillip Demmell; Weighmasters of the Diamond scales, W. J. Black. Received and filed.

Mr. SHIPTON, from the Gas Committee, presented an ordinance authorizing the committee to contract with South Side Gas Companies to furnish the gas for lamps on that side for five years for $1.50 per thousand cubic feet.

The rules were suspended and the ordinance passed finally. The committee then presented a report of their organization, with Mr. John Shipton as Chairman, and then adjourned to meeting the erection of certain lamps on the South Side. Report received and lamps ordered.

Mr. ZERN presented a report of the Allegheny Wharf Committee, showing the election of Mr. Peter Zern as Chairman. The report also gave the receipts of the wharf for the year ending February 1st, 1873, as $3,125.20; expenses, $2,106 88—leaving a balance of $1,018.32.

Received and filed.

Mr. BURGWIN, from the Committee on Ordinances, reported their organization, with Mr. Hill Burgwin as Chairman. Received and filed.

Mr. JONES reported the organization of the Road Committee, with Mr. E. P. Jones as Chairman.

The Committee also presented the reports of viewers in opening of Tripot alley, and Fifth avenue, which were approved; also, ordinance authorizing Moorhead & Co. to erect weigh scales on second avenue. Was suspended and ordinance passed finally. Also, ordinance for three feet brick sewer on Fifth avenue from Diswiddie street to Soho Run.

Mr. CHALMERS moved that it be referred back to the Committee to give the people a chance to remonstrate. He knew that the people of one side of the street were opposed to the sewer.

The ordinance was laid over.

THE INTEREST ON WATER BONDS.

Mr. M'CARTHY said he objected to the appropriation ordinance at the last meeting, because he felt that it contained a vicious innovation, upon which he now made war, and proposed to do so for all time to come. He therefore offered the following preamble and resolution, which contained a speech of themselves and needed no explanation.

WHEREAS, The city of Pittsburgh was authorized by Act of Assembly, approved on the 28th day of February, 1868, to borrow $1,000,000 for the extension of the Water Works of the city, in which it is made the duty of the city to provide the yearly interest for said loan out of the revenue from rents of the Water Works: And, whereas, An Act of Assembly was approved on the 15th day of March, 1871, authorizing a further loan of $1,000,000 upon the same terms and conditions as the loan authorized by the act of 1868: And, Whereas, Councils in the appropriation ordinance for the present year, has, by an oversight, failed to make provision for the interest on the issue under the act of 1871, as required by the express terms of the acts of 1868 and 1871; therefore

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be directed to present to Councils an ordinance (emendatory of the ordinance making appropriations for the current year,) providing for the interest on the loan authorized by the act of 1871 as required by the provisions of the law authorizing said loan.

Mr. SHIPTON explained that the committee had made provisions for the interest on the first million of bonds issued by the Water Committee before the Water Commissioners went into office. They made no provision for interest on other Water Commission bonds, because they had never been asked to, and because they did not know that such was their duty. The Water Commission Fund was a separate fund from the regular city finances, and was in the hands of the Water Commission.

Mr. MCCARTHY quoted from several acts of Assembly in support of his position that the interest on the Water Bonds should be paid out of the water rents of each year in which the bonds were issued.

Mr. LAUFMAN stated, in behalf of the Water Commission, that it was a mistaken assertion that they had made no application to the Finance Committee for funds to pay the interest on Water Commission bonds. The Controller had sent in a written communication to the Commission notifying them of the action of the Finance Committee and asking the Water Commission what they wanted for interest. The reply was that they proposed to issue about two and a half millions of bonds. He was very much astonished to find that when the appropriation ordinance was passed there was no provision made for the interest of the Water Commission bonds.

Mr. SHIPTON said the Finance Committee had never heard of such a request for money for interest so far as he knew.

Mr. LAUFMAN said there was a blunder somewhere then as the information asked had been given.

Mr. BURGWIN also had been astonished to find that no provision had been made in the appropriation ordinance for interest on Water Commission Bonds. He thought there was a legal question there which ought to be decided. He thought they should obtain their legal advice and ascertain whether the Water Commission had the power of taking a part of the proceeds of their bonds to pay the interest of the Water Commission Bonds. It was a question with him whether they had such power, and he thought the matter should be referred to their legal adviser before deciding this matter. Underneath the question of expediency was the question whether they had the right to use the money of the Water Commission to pay interest.

Mr. MCCLANDLESS said there had been no application in the Finance Committee for interest on Water Commission bonds save for the first one million for which an appropriation had been made. It was talked of informally that the interest on the bonds issued by the Water Commission was to be paid from the Water Commission funds, and that when the works were completed and taken possession of by the city, that the city would provide for the repayment of the amount expended for interest.

After some further discussion the paper was referred to the Finance Committee, in conjunction with the City Solicitor, to ascertain the law in the case, and to report what action was deemed proper.

THE WATER COMMISSION.

Mr. BURGWIN then called up the report of the Water Commission, which had been presented at last meeting in Common Council and ordered to be printed in pamphlet form, with the report of the City Engineer. The resolutions accompanying the report were then taken up and considered. After some discussion an amendment was made to the first resolution, which in effect provided that the power of deciding what streets should be graded for the purpose of allowing water pipes to be put down, should be kept within the province of Councils, and the resolution as so amended passed.

The second resolution was passed without amendment. It provides for legislation to authorize the Water Commissioners to build their works in the bed of the Allegheny river.

The third resolution providing for legislation for power to issue two and a half million dollars of Water Commission Bonds after some debate was passed.

Mr. MCCARTHY moved that the drafts of Acts proposed be first reported to Councils at next meeting before being sent to the Legislature carried.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. RIDDELL offered a preamble and resolution setting forth that as it had been asserted that the increase to the salaries of the employers of the Fire Department, involving an aggregate increase of about $20,000 had been made without recommendation of the Fire Commission, that the matter be referred to the Committee on Retrenchment & Reform to investigate, with instructions, if the allegations proved true to report an ordinance to legislate ordinance authorizing the same. Resolution passed and referred to the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform.

SECOND AVENUE IMPROVEMENT.

Mr. SCULLY, a communication from the Pittsburgh Gas Company asking the city to locate and grade Second avenue its entire length, so that the Company could lay a large main to its new works on Second avenue. Received and filed.

Mr. SMITH offered a resolution requesting the City Solicitor to propose an act of assembly authorizing the re-grading and re-paving of Second avenue. Passed.

Mr. SCULLY, also a petition from the Gas Company for privilege to lay a switch from the railroad to their new works on Second avenue. Referred to Street Committee to propose an ordinance.

Mr. BURGWIN, from the Committee on Rules, then presented the report of that committee. There were no material changes from the rules at present in force and they were adopted with slight amendments.

Mr. LITTELL, Chairman of the Special Committee on the Annexation of Wilkinsburg, presented a report from the Committee, setting forth that they, after an examination of the papers in the matter, had come to the conclusion that all the legal requirements had been complied with by the petitioners. A minority report was also presented, signed by Messrs. Hunter and Finley, taking just exactly the opposite grounds. After some debate the whole matter was postponed for one week.

Mr. MCCARTHY offered a remonstrance against the assessments for improvements on Seventh avenue. Referred to the Street Committee.

Adjourned.

COMMON COUNCIL.

W. B. NEGLEY.....President.
H. MCMASTER.....Clerk.

President NEGLEY called this branch to order at ten minutes past two o'clock. The roll was called and the following members found present: Messrs. Arnholt, Bindley, S. M. Boyd, Bryce, Brasher, Cameron, Campbell, Carroll, Duff, Everson, Finley, Fleming, Follansbee, Fulton, Hays, Jones, Kerr, Laughran, Jos. Moore, John Moore, McConway, Rauhauser, Rolfe, Sewell, Trautman, West, Wilbert, and President Negley.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

The Chair read the call for a special meeting, the object being to elect two members of the Board of Guardians of the Poor for the ensuing three years.

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The Chair appointed Mr. Sneathen on the Committee on Appropriation instead of Mr. Cohen, who is not now a member of Council.

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Mr. MCCONWAY presented the following:

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Passed under suspension of the rules.

Mr. CAMPBELL presented the report of the Monongahela Water Committee, with an ordinance exempting Gray & Beizhoover, from the payment of certain wharfage on railroad iron.

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Mr. SEWELL, petition for the establishing of the grade of Jones avenue, between Arch street and Bereton avenue. Referred to the Survery Committee.

Mr. HAYS, a petition for the erection of steps on Eighth street, Twenty-ninth ward. Referred to the Street Committee.

SELECT COUNCIL BUSINESS.

The ordinance adopted in Common Council, increasing the pay of the operators of the Fire Alarm Telegraph, was non-concurred in by S. C.

In S. C. last February 4th, Mr. DUFF moved to adhere to former action and ask for a committee of conference. The motion was lost, and the ordinance was laid over. The remainder of S. C. business was concurred in by C. C.

On motion adjourned.

ALLEGHENY SCHOOL CONTROLLERS.

First Meeting of the Year—Election of Officers—Increasing Salaries of the Teachers—New Books for the Library &c.

The Allegheny Board of School Controllers held their first meeting for this year last night in the Common Council chamber, city building, Judge Pears in the chair. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Joseph King. The roll was called and a quorum was found present.

The Chair announced the first business of the evening was the election of officers. Rev. Joseph King President, and Mr. C. W. Bonsey Secretary, were unanimously re-elected by acclamation.

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W. B. NEGLEY.....President.
H. MCMASTER.....Clerk.

President NEGLEY called this branch to order at ten minutes past two o'clock. The roll was called and the following members found present: Messrs. Arnholt, Bindley, S. M. Boyd, Bryce, Brasher, Cameron, Campbell, Carroll, Duff, Everson, Finley, Fleming, Follansbee, Fulton, Hays, Jones, Kerr, Laughran, Jos. Moore, John Moore, McConway, Rauhauser, Rolfe, Sewell, Trautman, West, Wilbert, and President Negley.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

The Chair read the call for a special meeting, the object being to elect two members of the Board of Guardians of the Poor for the ensuing three years.

The following gentlemen were nominated: Dr. A. Arthurs, Messrs. Samuel Boggs and William Douglass. The vote was taken with the following result: Boggs, 9; Arthurs, 21; Douglass, 15. The Chair announced that as Messrs. Arthurs and Douglass had received a majority of all the votes cast they were duly elected.

Messrs. MCCONWAY and SEMPLE were appointed on behalf of Common Councilto audit the accounts of the Guardians of the Poor.

The Chair appointed Mr. Sneathen on the Committee on Appropriation instead of Mr. Cohen, who is not now a member of Council.

Messrs. Fulton, Hays and Rolfe were appointed on behalf of Common Council upon the Committee on Additional Legislation for the South Side.

Mr. McConway presented the following:

Resolved, That the City Controller be and he is hereby directed to issue his certificate on the Mayor for warrants in favor of the contractors and others to whom money is due for grading, and paving and curbing streets in the late borough of Temperanceville, the said warrants to be drawn upon the receipts for grading and paving assessments, as the same may be paid into the City Treasury.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

Mr. CAMPBELL presented the report of the Monongahela Water Committee, with an ordinance exempting Gray & Beizhoover, from the payment of certain wharfage on railroad iron.

Mr. SEWELL offered an amendment to the ordinance, providing that the said iron shall not be permitted to remain on the wharf for a longer period than 24 hours.

The amendment was adopted, and the ordinance as amended passed under suspension of the rules.

Mr. SEWELL, petition for the establishing of the grade of Jones avenue, between Arch street and Bereton avenue. Referred to the Survery Committee.

Mr. HAYS, a petition for the erection of steps on Eighth street, Twenty-ninth ward. Referred to the Street Committee.

Adjourned.

THE SOUTH SIDE CATASTROPHE

Additional Particulars—Continuation of the Coroner's Investigation—The Testimony Adduced, Etc.

There were no additional dead bodies taken from the ruins of the American Iron Works yesterday. Workmen were busily engaged all day in clearing away the rubbish. Up to last evening there was no one missing, and it is pretty certainly ascertained that no more bodies are buried beneath the ruins. All the killed were buried yesterday, and their funerals were largely attended. Doctors Rahauser, Duff and Riggs have the wounded under their care. Most of them are doing as well as might be expected. The following additional names of the wounded have been ascertained: James Flynn, leg crushed, as the bones are undisplaced the case is not considered serious; Richard Shaw, injured internally, and doubts of his recovery apprehended; John Nichols, injured in the ankle; John Pheil, head cut and eye knocked out; Peter Lankner, a laborer on the night term, was sleeping in the second story of his dwelling place of the "Frame Row," and was struck by a piece of fire brick which came crushing through the window. His face was badly bruised and the lower jaw was broken. The physicians say that the injured are doing well, and with the exception named, all will recover.

The works were in operation yesterday, at least that portion of them which was uninjured. Probably by to-night the entire debris will have been carted away. New boilers will be placed in position as soon as possible and are many weeks the entire mill will be in operation once more.

Yesterday morning at the Coroner's office the investigation as to the cause of the explosion was continued, and several witnesses examined, testified as follows:

THE CHIEF ENGINEER'S STATEMENT.

Jacob Shook sworn—Am an engineer; chief engineer of the American Iron Works; have been employed there five and a half years in that capacity; know that the boilers were all right; have been running them ever since I have been there; stopped on Saturday to repair a steam pipe and clean boilers; they were all right then; started as usual yesterday morning, and everything was running at the time of the explosion; left the boilers not five minutes before the explosion, and saw nothing wrong with them at the time; think there was plenty of water in the boilers at that time; had not tested them; had seen the assistant engineer test them only a short time before; think this was not over twenty minutes before the explosion; there seemed to be plenty of water in them at that time; the boilers